



The Passionists of Holy Cross Province Congregation of the Passion

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Dear Passionist Family:

My personal thanks to all who responded to the invitation to participate in the Vision Fulfillment Process. We had an overwhelming response and are deeply appreciative.

We have created Vision Fulfillment Teams connected to each Vision Perspective as listed below. In addition, we have added a seventh Vision Perspective - *Laudato Si/JPIC*.

Each Vision Fulfillment Team will be led by a member of the Vision Fulfillment Commission, whose responsibility is to coordinate meetings and communicate deliberations to the other Vision Fulfillment Teams and to the Province. The Vision Fulfillment Commission has been authorized by me and the Provincial Council to lead this Vision Fulfillment Process.

The function of the Vision Fulfillment Teams is to act as 'think tanks' for the Vision Fulfillment Process. They will work with the Province to make recommendations on how the Province Chapter Calls to Action might be enacted. The teams are beginning their meetings and we will provide a progress report.

We all have a role to play in the Vision Fulfillment Process, whether as a member of a Vision Fulfillment Team or as a member of Holy Cross Province's Passionist Family. I look forward to your participation.

The Vision Fulfillment Teams will begin to meet this month and are working toward the June 2020 Assembly in Detroit to report on the progress of our Vision Fulfillment Process.

As we move into this next phase of our Vision Fulfillment Process, I encourage you to continue to envision what God seeks to entrust to us as a Passionist Family of Holy Cross Province.

Let us keep each other in prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joe Moons, C.P.
Provincial Superior

“May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts”

Vision Statement and Vision Perspective Statements

Together as lay and vowed, we, the Passionist Family of Holy Cross Province, affirm our visioning experience leading up to and during the 2019 Provincial Chapter. We pray together in gratitude for the many blessings we have received.

Living through our Passionist Charism, we carry forward Holy Cross Province’s enduring mission of keeping alive the memory of Christ’s Passion through our commitment to community, prayer, ministries of the Word and service to those who suffer.

Vision Statement

Guided by the Holy Spirit and the signs of the times, we create and carry out ministry that reaches the suffering of today and form community that spiritually nourishes the Passionist Family of Holy Cross Province.

Vision Perspective Statements

Ministry

The Visioning Process has encouraged us to look at our ministries and appreciate all we have accomplished. The Visioning Process also has invited us to look ahead, read the signs of the times and do what is necessary to keep our ministries of the Word and service to those who suffer relevant today and into the future. We are asked to understand what needs to change and then to bring about that change, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Leadership

Opportunities for leadership will expand greatly based on our belief that vowed and lay need to be active participants together in shaping and deciding the future of Holy Cross Province. We must identify and develop our existing and future leaders for the qualities needed by communities in transition, shared leadership models, partnerships and ministries. We recognize that fewer vowed Passionists will be available for leadership roles and that lay Passionists will be sought out to fulfill these responsibilities.

Charism Formation

Our Visioning Process revealed a need and desire for lifelong formation for vowed and lay in the Passionist charism. As we deepen our life as a single Passionist Family of lay and vowed, we will ensure that our formation structures and programs provide the formal and informal elements needed to sustain Passionist ministry, community life and each individual’s personal relationship with God.

Communications

The Calls to Action are clear regarding the priority of improving communication among the Passionist Family. We will embrace and utilize today's communication technologies and social media platforms but understand that not all communication can be electronic. Enhancing and improving communication is essential to supporting and expanding our current and future ministries.

Community in Transition & Integration

We recognize that we cannot continue our seven communities in their current form. Between now and the next Chapter, a discernment and decision process is needed to seek creative ideas about new community life and determine ways to bring about these transitions. At the center of this process, we see ourselves as a single Passionist Family of vowed and lay where community leadership will need to be transitioned to laity. To fully realize this vision and respecting the unique and private aspects of each other's lives, we will ensure that vowed and lay can share and nourish a rich and welcoming spiritual and social life together. Additional ways of connecting the vowed community will be to deepen relationships with vowed in other religious communities. We will ensure that new religious vocations can both experience and contribute to the vowed Passionist way of life through creativity forms of ministry, ongoing formation with the Passionist Family and use of communications technology.

New Partnerships

We recognize growing needs crying out for the love of the Passionist charism, the love of Christ Crucified. We need to be realistic about what we can do alone as a Province to respond to the signs of the times. We recognize and embrace practical and meaningful partnerships which bring new gifts and perspectives as is now underway with the lay Passionists in the Province on Province Retreat Center Boards, Advisory Boards, JPIC and community ministry teams. . All elements of Province life into the future will be potential areas for partnerships whether they be related to fulfillment of ministry, maintenance of nourishing communities of prayer or to practical aspects of governance, finances, health, properties and administrative structures.

Laudato Si/JPIC

As we affirm our commitment to the teaching of the Church expressed in *Laudato Si*, we must integrate into our Passionist Family an awareness and actions that care for our common home and "which clearly respects its human and social dimension." Following the June 2019 Province Chapter, it was decided that *Laudato Si/JPIC* become its own Vision Perspective Statement.

Vision Fulfillment Grid		
Vision Perspectives	Tools, Resources and Opportunities	Accountability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry • Leadership • Charism Formation • Communication • Community in Transition & Integration • New Partnerships • Laudato Si/JPIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Council • ALS • PRCB • Local Community Meetings • OME • Formation/Vocation Departments • Local Ministry Boards • JPIC/Solidarity • Charism Sharing Groups • Zoom Communities • Province Offices • Configuration of Jesus Crucified • Province Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Council • Vision Fulfillment Commission • Vision Fulfillment Teams • Province Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individually ○ Collectively