

# Founder of the Passionists

**St. Paul of the Cross**  
(1694 - 1775)

St. Paul of the Cross was born Paul Francis Daneo in Ovada, Italy. From an early age, he learned how to see his own sufferings in the light of the God who suffered so greatly out of love for us.



It was this unequaled love of Jesus that captivated St. Paul and led him to ardently consecrate his life to God in the service of others. *The Passion of Jesus set his heart on fire!*

His zeal was contagious and through divine inspiration, Paul gathered companions to live together committed to the Memory of the Passion and bringing this message of salvation to the world.

His spiritual sons and daughters minister in more than 60 countries worldwide.



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**May the Passion  
of Jesus Christ  
be always in our hearts!**



**The Passionists**  
*of Holy Cross Province*

**Live with Purpose;  
Serve with Passion!**



*We strive to make our lives  
and apostolate an authentic  
and credible witness on behalf  
of justice and human dignity.*

-Passionist Rule and Constitutions, #72

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## Who are we?

A group of men consecrated to God as religious priests and brothers who:

- Share life in community.
- Center their lives in the mystery of the Passion of Christ.
- Contemplate the Passion of Christ in their prayer life.
- Compassionately reach out to others, especially those who are suffering.
- See the Passion of Christ lived in the poor and Crucified of today.

## What are our ministries?

- Our core ministries are preaching parish missions and retreats, especially those focused on re-evangelization.
- Other ministries include teaching, parish work, chaplaincies, foreign missions, television and media, and other outreach to those in need.



## Where do we live?

Throughout the world! Here in the United States, we have been serving the people of God for over 150 years. In Holy Cross Province, we serve in the Arch/dioceses of Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Houston, Louisville and Birmingham.



## Am I being called to be a Passionist?

If you are single, between the ages of 18 and 40 and active in the Church:

- Ask Jesus if this might be your vocation.
- Ask yourself if you are being drawn to religious life. Be honest!
- Talk with a priest or a religious brother or sister about your calling.
- Get more information. Please contact Fr. John Schork, C.P.



## Who else shares the Passionist Charism?

- Lay people, including young adults, who partner with the Passionists in their lives and ministries.
- Passionist Nuns and Sisters.

***We preach Christ Crucified!***

## How can I help the Passionists?

- Pray for an increase of vocations to the Passionist way of living: priests, brothers, nuns, sisters and laity.
- Look for young people who seem qualified for the priesthood, religious brotherhood and/or consecrated life. Invite them to consider a religious vocation. Provide them with our contact information as one option in their search.