



Constitution 1: God's Call

“Come, Follow me.” It was the Lord Jesus calling us. We were already his, but there seemed to come a time when the Lord was calling us to take some further step. We heard a summons to give over our lives in a more explicit way. It was a call to serve all people, believers and unbelievers alike. We would serve them out of our own faith that the Lord had loved us and died for us and risen for us and that he offers us a share in his life, a life more powerful and enduring than any sin or death. It was a call that came to us from without, but also one that arose up within us, as from his Spirit. We asked how we might follow, and we found many footprints on the road. A great band of women and men had passed this way, people who had made and lived out their vocations and had walked side by side in their following of the Lord. They beckoned us to fall in step with them. We wanted to be part of the school community they formed in order to share in their life and work. These school communities belong to the Congregation of Holy Cross, founded by Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau. Our commitment is an invitation to our students and colleagues to fulfill their vocations, and for ourselves it is a concrete way of working with them for the spread of the gospel and with all for the development of a more just and humane society. We wished to follow Christ. We learned in time, however, that we still had it within ourselves to hold back. We wish to be wholehearted, yet we are sometimes hesitant. Like the first disciples we know that he will draw us along and reinforce our loyalties if we remain open to his invitation.

- How was I drawn to the Holy Cross school where I currently serve?
- If I look back, am I able to see the gentle hand of providence leading me to my school?
- What was it like to sign that first contract?
- When did I begin to take ownership of my vocation as a Holy Cross Educator?
- Which moments have reinforced my feeling of being called to Holy Cross Education?
- Does my ministry in the schoolhouse make me feel close to Christ?
- How would I describe my particular calling within the schoolhouse?
- Does Blessed Moreau's vision of a radically inclusive society still captivate my heart?