



*Embrace the Present,  
Glimpse the Future,  
Build with Joy*

**Message from the VI Regional Assembly of the  
Apostleship of the Cross, Christ the Priest Region**

**Dear brothers and sisters,  
Members of the Apostleship of the Cross, Christ the Priest Region,**

We recently concluded our VI Assembly of the Apostleship of the Cross, we would like to thank you for all your prayers before, during and after the Assembly. Sustained by your prayers we were able to see much fruit in our weekend of discernment so we can bring to fruition the words of that same prayer we said together in preparation for this moment:

***“...Then, we, the members of the Apostleship of the Cross,  
will be Good News for our society  
And our Church in the United States.”***

There were twenty-three attendees at the Assembly who came from Texas, California, Oregon, Washington, and from Mexico City, Fr. Daniel Rivera, M.Sp.S., Director General of the Apostleship of the Cross was also with us.

We spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 26-28, in an atmosphere of friendship, cooperation and enthusiasm. We delved deeper into four Topics through the *method See, Illuminate, Act*. Those topics were:

- Expansion and Growth,
- Relationship between the Apostleship of the Cross and the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit,
- Formation for Groups, and
- Formation for Leaders.

We divided ourselves into Work Groups with representatives of the different areas of our region, and we analyzed the study material in these groups. We felt the constant presence of the Holy Spirit among us and guiding our dialogs, discussions and debates.

Since the beginning of the Assembly, and all throughout, we had opportunities for personal reflection, where we were able to humbly open our heart to receive the future with hope. With every step we asked for the graces to open ourselves to the motions of the Spirit, we lived very spiritual and fraternal moments.

The work of these three days left us with a clear mission in each of the areas of opportunity we worked on, and in order to more solidly shape the plans for the future, on the last day we met by area, in order to start talking about the best way to fulfill the mission this Assembly gives us.

We must work together for the fire to spread! We are convinced that we are joined together by the same feeling that this treasure we carry in clay vessels must be shared with all the people we come in contact with, in every moment of our lives, especially those who are suffering and are desperately seeking meaning for their life. It is vitally important that we embrace the commitment of making the Spirituality of the Cross known from the place where we dwell and move.

We twenty-three Attendees who represented each and every one of us in our Region, after ***“Embracing the Present and Glimpsing the Future”***, made the decision to ***“Build with Joy”***. And so, we’d like to let you know what that building means for us:

- ✓ **Expansion and Growth:** We will finish the Project of writing and distributing the Regional Regulations, which will include, among other things, the guidelines for expansion and growth. We will prepare a Strategic Growth Plan taking into consideration the diverse needs of our community, including language, culture and age. We will put together a team for the Expansion and Growth of the work, under the leadership of a Lay Person. We will start Youth Groups of the Apostleship of the Cross.
- ✓ **Relationship M.Sp.S and A.C.:** We would like to clearly communicate the relationship between the M.Sp.S and the *Apostleship of the Cross* with the help of a document which we will distribute to all the centers. We will define the best way to put into action the presence of the Missionaries in the different levels: Region, area and groups. In order to accomplish this, we will put together an Action Plan for each area, taking into account the needs and plans of the different groups. We will revise and update Booklet #5, and we will renew the efforts to make the governing functions at each level known. We will provide training and supervision to the Advisors to the Centers.
- ✓ **Formation for Groups:** We will create a common source with the formation materials of the different groups as a starting point for the Creation of the Formation Plan. We will nominate a special commission with people knowledgeable in the topics needs for the creation of a Regional Formation Plan. This plan will include the essential elements of identity of the Apostleship of the Cross, adapted to the characteristics and cultural differences of our region. It will be bilingual.
- ✓ **Formation for Leaders:** We want all leaders to have a personal encounter with Christ Priest and Victim which will move them to continue deepening their knowledge of the Spirituality of the Cross so they can transmit it in time. Once the Formation material for Groups are put together, we will prepare a Formation Plan for Facilitators specifically for those materials. We will also encourage them to continue their own training as Leaders through programs their Diocese offers, or other means.

We hope to count on you to be **the good news** that the Apostleship of the Cross will give to the Church in the United States.

Your brothers and sisters who took part in the VI Assembly of the Apostleship of the Cross,

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***Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross***