



What is Holy Cross Associates?

Holy Cross Associates is a post-graduate service program which offers participants an opportunity to integrate their Christian faith through Service, Community Living, Prayer, and a Simple Lifestyle. HCA was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross and is strongly supported by local Holy Cross communities.

Requirements

- College degree or work experience
- Flexibility for various jobs and lifestyles
- Commitment to Christian service
- 1-Year Commitment (US)
- 2-Year Commitment (Chile)
- Good mental and physical health
- Men and Women 21 years or older

Benefits

- Room and Board
- Deferred student loans
- Personal Monthly Stipend
- Health Insurance
- Transportation to and from your site
- Beginning-of-the-year orientation and end-of-the-year retreat
- Formative and challenging experiences

Service Opportunities

homeless services
domestic violence survivors
family services
parish ministries
peace & justice advocacy
mental health services
hispanic services
elderly outreach
education
community organizing
refugee resettlement
housing assistance
volunteer coordinating
ex-offender rehabilitation

Important Dates

Domestic applications are accepted on a rolling basis with placement priority given to those who have applied by April 1st and have accepted an invitation to join the program by May 1st.

If you intend to apply for the Chile program, e-mail or write the HCA office by November 4; application materials are due December 2.



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"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever the cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever the cost."

-Arthur Ashe

Become a Holy Cross Associate.

<http://holycrossassociates.nd.edu>

The Pillars of Holy Cross Associates

Service

Associates engage themselves in ministries with persons who are marginalized, oppressed, or in need, either materially or otherwise. This service takes place in the context of faith, with an emphasis on relationships that reflect the Christian call to see all people as the image and likeness of God. While the Associates are called upon to serve the poor in a variety of ways, often it is the Associates themselves who are served by the persons with whom they work.



Simple Lifestyle

Holy Cross Associates live simply in an effort to explore the Church's call to a preferential option for the poor. Associates seek to be in solidarity with the poor through a conscious rejection of consumerism while "making do" on a limited household budget. Associates often learn that living simply involves much more than the amount of one's expendable income, and that simplicity must be actively sought each day. This process of intentional decision-making reflects the belief that the way in which we live can make a difference for others in our world.

Spirituality

Persons enter the program with various experiences of church and spirituality. While there is no prescribed stage of spiritual development for individuals entering the program, the HCA commitment requires a willingness to grow spiritually, both as individuals and in community, in an acceptance of Christian principles. Associates devote both personal and community time to strengthen their relationships with God, understanding that they must seek to know Christ themselves in order to be Christ for others.



Community



The experience of living in an intentional community is as integral part of the Associate experience. Associates usually live in households of 5-7 persons in which they commit themselves to the on-going process of building supportive relationships. Associates often find the commitment to living in community to be the most challenging and rewarding aspect of their experience. Beyond the community formed in the home, Associates also seek to build strong relationships in their local communities.