

**“In the Holy Cross Tradition...”**

**Leader:** Let us praise God the Almighty One.

**All:** We thank you, Loving God, for so many gifts.

**Leader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Sp



**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Reader:** From *Christian Education* by Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross:

Education comes from two Greek words –that for child and that for leading. It is the art of helping young people to completeness; for the Christian, this means education is helping a young person to be more like Christ, the model of all Christians. From the word’s roots, education can mean to lead a young person away from ignorance and disorder. ... This idea is founded on the principles of Catholicism and really makes of education a most important work for those who try to accomplish it; this idea makes education truly the art of arts.

**Leader:** Let us pray *Psalm 91* together:

**All:** You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
Who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
Say to the Lord, “my refuge and fortress,  
My God in whom I trust.”

God will rescue you from the fowler’s snare,  
From the destroying plague,  
Will shelter you with pinions,  
Spread wings that you may take refuge;  
God’s faithfulness is a protecting shield.

You shall not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness,  
Nor the plague that ravages at noon.  
Though a thousand fall at your side,  
Ten thousand at your right hand,  
Near you it shall not come.  
You need simply watch;

You have the Lord for your refuge,  
You have made the Most High your stronghold.  
No evil shall befall you,  
No affliction come near your tent.

For God commands the angels  
To guard you in all your ways.  
With their hands they shall support you,  
Lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Whoever clings to me I will deliver;  
Whoever knows my name I will set on high.  
All who call upon me I will answer;  
I will be with them in distress,  
I will deliver them and give them honor.  
With length of days I will satisfy them  
And show them my saving power.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

**Reader:** From the writings of Basil Moreau:

We can state in a word the kind of teaching we wish to impart. We do not want our students to be ignorant of anything they should know. To this end, we shall avoid no sacrifice. We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for eternal life.

**Leader:** Let us pray:

Loving and Provident God, you have called us together to follow in the footsteps of Basil Moreau and the thousands of Holy Cross educators who have fostered the minds and hearts of your children and helped lead them to completeness. Help us to be faithful to this call as you are always faithful to us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.

**All:** Amen.