

## THE MISSION VALUES OF HOLY CROSS SCHOOLS

The Holy Cross tradition is an oral tradition. It has been taken by individuals to different cultures in different times and adapted to these. It has never been static, but rather responsive to the needs of a people in which it was placed. Thus it could be effective in cultures as diverse as France, Canada, the United States, Brazil, Chile, India, Uganda, Bangladesh, or Ghana.

Despite this responsiveness, there are certain values that seem to characterize Holy Cross schools throughout the world:

*1. The school's primary purpose is the leading of young people towards being true Christians.*

*2. The school is a community and family. A spirit of family among administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents, alumni, and board members characterize the school.*

*3. The school serves a diverse population. Young people served by the school include the economically rich and the economically poor, the intellectually capable and the intellectually less capable, Catholics and non-Catholics.*

*4. The school approaches its responsibilities with a world-wide perspective. The mission of the school is seen as a part of the world-wide educational mission of Holy Cross with teachers banded together in all parts of the world and in a variety of cultures.*

*5. The school views itself as a part of the mission of the local diocesan Church. The school community, especially students, are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the diocese.*

*6. The school's mission includes helping students gain the best education possible by secular standards. The school's policies and programs fulfill well all secular requirements, and the education of students graduating from the school compares well with exemplary secular programs of the area. The school maintains the highest accreditation possible in its area.*

*7. The school's mission includes helping students become active and informed citizens. The school's programs lead to an "education for life," not just for the present.*