



# Notre Dame Campus Pilgrimage

*A self-guided tour of Notre Dame's sacred sites*





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This self-guided campus pilgrimage is meant to give you a glimpse of the rich spiritual life on Notre Dame's campus, while also offering you an opportunity to pray and reflect during your visit. We hope you enjoy your journey!

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This self-guided tour is divided into 13 stages, each with an overview, reflection, and prayer. The numbered stages are marked on the map below, and written directions are provided at the end of each section.

To get the most out of the tour, we recommend a leisurely pace. Please allow yourself at least 90 minutes to complete the full tour.



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*Please be aware that you undertake the tour at your own risk and that much of the tour takes place in areas fully accessible to the general public. You should exercise appropriate care at all times, being mindful of other individuals, obstacles, traffic, and closures. While the information contained in this booklet is up-to-date at the time of publishing (August 2020), it may not be at the time you undertake the tour.*

*During regular business hours, a paid Visitor Lot is located on the east side of the Walsh Family Hall of Architecture. Outside of regular business hours, guest parking is available in the Dorr Road or Lake lots (approximately a 7 minute walk north east to the Log Chapel). Additional information can be found at [police.nd.edu](http://police.nd.edu) (search "visitor parking").*

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# Log Chapel

Built in 1831 as the headquarters for French missionaries working in northern Indiana, the Log Chapel was the first building on what is now Notre Dame's campus. Fr. Sorin received the Log Chapel, along with the rest of the campus property, when he arrived in 1842. This one-room cabin with an attic served all the needs of Notre Dame during its first year.

The current Log Chapel is a 1906 reproduction of the original which burned down in 1856. Fr. Stephen Badin, who helped build the Log Chapel and also donated the land for Notre Dame, is buried beneath the Log Chapel. He was the first priest ordained in the United States.

## *Did you know?*

The small sacristy of the Log Chapel retains some of the earliest sacred objects used for ministry on this campus, including chalices, rosaries, and vestments.



## LOG CHAPEL

# Reflection

The original Log Chapel was built by French missionaries with the hope of better serving the local diocese and the indigenous peoples who inhabited this region. As one of only two places on Notre Dame's campus where the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated, the Log Chapel still serves the people of this campus and diocese. Though humble in appearance, the Log Chapel is a reminder of the early missionary work of this region and the slow, steady work of God in our lives.



# Prayer

*Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages.*

*We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.*

*And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you.*

*Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.*

*Lord Jesus, as a pilgrim on earth and today on this campus, I carry with me the missionary spirit of your Church. Help me to trust that you will work through my humble efforts and enable me to be a sign and instrument of your presence here on earth.*

—PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN, S.J.



## NEXT UP: Old College

Stand at the door of the Log Chapel and face outward. Old College is about 100 feet in front of you and on your left.

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## Old College

Built in 1843 by Fr. Sorin and seven Holy Cross brothers, Old College is the oldest building on campus. The simple brick structure has had many uses over the years including a student dormitory, classrooms, a clothing room, a bakery, and even a dining hall.

Today, Old College serves as an undergraduate seminary and is the campus home for men who are considering life as a priest or brother in the Congregation of Holy Cross, the religious community that founded Notre Dame and of which Fr. Sorin was a priest. Residents of Old College pursue their undergraduate degrees alongside a program of prayer and discernment.

### *Did you know?*

This building once served as dormitories for the students and Holy Cross Brothers as well as a classroom, bakery, and dining hall.

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OLD COLLEGE

## Reflection

Discernment is the spiritual process of listening for God's voice and seeking God's guidance in our lives. Most often, we associate discernment with major life choices, but discernment is really a continual process because the Holy Spirit is always active and constantly invites us to deepen our relationship with God.

In order to discern well, one must pray. To the question, "How can I make sure that the voice I hear is the voice of Jesus, that what I feel I have to do is done by the Holy Spirit?" Pope Francis' response is prayer. "Without prayer, there is no place for the Spirit."



## Prayer

*O gracious and holy God,  
give us diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to perceive you,  
and patience to wait for you.*

*Grant us, O God,  
a mind to meditate on you,  
eyes to behold you,  
ears to listen for your word,  
a heart to love you,  
and a life to proclaim you  
through the power of the Spirit of  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

—PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT,  
ST. BENEDICT

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**NEXT UP:** Founder's Monument

Stand at the door of Old College and face outward. The Founder's Monument is about 15 feet directly in front of you.

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# Founder's Monument

Erected in 1906, this statue commemorates the arrival of Fr. Sorin and seven Holy Cross brothers at Notre Dame in 1842. A letter from Fr. Sorin to his religious superior in France conveys the promise and excitement Fr. Sorin felt upon arriving at his new home, the future site of Notre Dame.

"Will you permit me, dear Father, to share with you a preoccupation which gives me no rest? Briefly, it is this: Notre Dame du Lac was given to us by the bishop only on condition that we establish here a college at the earliest opportunity. As there is no other school within more than a hundred miles, this college cannot fail to succeed... Before long, it will develop on a large scale... It will be one of the most powerful means for good in this country."

## *Did you know?*

An excerpt from Fr. Sorin's letter to his religious superior in France, Bl. Basil Moreau, is memorialized on a plaque facing the lake.



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## FOUNDER'S MONUMENT

# Reflection

The statue of St. Joseph which marks this site is a reminder of the humble carpenter of Nazareth who trusted in God's providence even when the future was dangerous and uncertain (see Matthew 1:18-2:23). When Fr. Sorin arrived in 1842 with few resources and little experience, his memory of St. Joseph reminded him to place his trust in God, a trust which continues to bear fruit daily on this campus.

In ways big and small, God invites us each to have similar confidence in the Lord.

# Prayer

*Lord God, you chose St. Joseph from among men to serve as the protector of Jesus and the guardian of Mary—roles which Joseph accepted with great trust in your providence.*

*Like Fr. Sorin, I wish also to imitate the trusting surrender of St. Joseph.*

*Lord, please guide my footsteps as I continue this pilgrimage on the campus of Our Lady. Help me to see you at work in my life and to trust in your guiding hand. Please grant me the steadfast faith of St. Joseph and the fruitful zeal of Fr. Sorin. Amen.*

*St. Joseph, pray for us.*

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## NEXT UP: Corby Hall

Stand with your back to the statue, facing the Basilica spires. Walk straight (north east), parallel to the lake, for 250 feet. The building immediately adjacent to the Basilica is Corby Hall.

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# Corby Hall

The original Corby Hall was built during the spring of 1895, intended primarily as a dwelling for the priests who taught at the University. It became known as the "Professed House" since the priests who lived there had professed their religious vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. It still serves as the main residence for the Holy Cross priests and brothers who work on campus today.

In addition to private rooms, it has a chapel, a study, a common room, a kitchen, and dining room, as well as an iconic porch and a back passage into the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The original Corby Hall was torn down in 2018 to be replaced by a more structurally sound, stylistically similar reconstruction in 2020.

## *Did you know?*

The statue in front of Corby Hall represents Fr. William Corby, CSC, a Holy Cross priest who gave general absolution to the Union soldiers on the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg. An identical statue stands at the Gettysburg Battlefield.



CORBY HALL

# Reflection

“Our calling is to serve the Lord Jesus in mission not as independent individuals but in a brotherhood. Our community life refreshes the faith that makes our work a ministry and not just an employment; it fortifies us by the example and encouragement of our confreres; and it protects us from being overwhelmed or discouraged by our work. We grow close to one another as brothers by living together in community. If we do not love the brothers whom we see, then we cannot love the God whom we have not seen.”

—The Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross

As the body of Christ, the Church is composed of individual parts all working for the good of one another. Like every Christian community, the community of priests and brothers at Corby Hall is ordered to love of God and love of neighbor.



# Prayer

*God our Maker, we praise you  
for the gift of community.*

*Thank you for the communities in  
which we work and live.*

*Thank you for the community that  
is your Body, the Church.*

*Fill us with your Spirit today so that,  
as one, we reflect your light and love  
to each other and to the world.*

*In Christ we pray, Amen.*

—NOTRE DAME,  
ALLIANCE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION,  
PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY



## NEXT UP: Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

With your back to Corby Hall, walk right on Corby Drive towards the lake and turn right onto Holy Cross Drive so that you are parallel to the shoreline. Continue walking along this path until you see to the Grotto on your right.

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# Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is a one-seventh scale likeness of the famous French shrine where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette on eighteen occasions in 1858.

Visiting the Lourdes on one of his many return visits to his native France, Fr. Sorin vowed to reproduce the shrine on the campus of his new university. A gift from Rev. Thomas Carroll, a former theology student, made possible the construction of the Grotto in 1896. Boulders from surrounding farms, most weighing two tons or more, were used in its construction. A small, black piece of stone from the original grotto in France is located on the right-hand side of the shrine directly below the statue of Mary.

## *Did you know?*

The giant American Sycamore that guards the path leading to the Grotto is the largest tree in St. Joseph County. It is over 100' tall and predates the founding of the University.

## Reflection

"Here on earth we routinely ask others for prayers. Instinctively, we turn to holy people for their prayers because they seem nearer to God. Why would we stop asking saints for their prayers after they die? If we believe they are in heaven, would not their prayers be even more effective? From the earliest times, Christians have sought Mary's prayers and help. There has been the basic sense on the part of the Church that Mary continues in heaven to be concerned for the growth of all members of the Church into holiness and an intimate relationship with her Son."

—United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

The bright lights of these candles symbolize the earnestness and intensity of the prayers offered here, which we entrust to the care of the loving Mother of God. When we light a candle in prayer at the Grotto, we unite our prayers to Mary's and ask her to take our prayers to her Son. We also ask God that our hearts, like Mary's, might be set aflame with the fire of God's own love.



## Prayer

Pause here and approach the Grotto with any prayer that you might have on your heart. As you light a candle, ask Mary to intercede on your behalf and ask God to kindle a flame of love in your own heart. Conclude by praying a *Memorare*, an *Our Father*, and a *Glory Be*.

### *The Memorare*

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto to you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me.*

*Amen.*

### NEXT UP: Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Walk up the staircase that is just to the right of the Grotto. This will take you to one of the side entrances of the Basilica at the top of the path. To enter from the front, follow the sidewalk around the building until you reach the main entrance.

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# Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Consecrated in 1888, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart serves as the primary place of worship for the Notre Dame campus community. All seven sacraments of the Catholic Church take place within the Basilica walls, including the ordination of new Holy Cross priests every spring. In addition to daily Mass and confession, the Basilica also provides the space and solitude for other forms of personal prayer.

## *Did you know?*

The stained glass windows of the Basilica were produced by Carmelite nuns in Le Mans, France, the same city where Fr. Sorin's religious community had its headquarters.

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## BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

# Reflection

Saints are an important part of the Basilica's structure; they are depicted in the windows, murals, and statuary. They are also present via hundreds of relics in the northeast reliquary chapel. We look to the witness of the saints for good reason.

"Saints are people who make the living Christ visible to us in a special way. Some saints have given their lives in the service of Christ and his Church; others have spoken and written words that keep nurturing us; some have lived heroically in difficult situations; others have remained hidden in quiet lives of prayer and meditation... But all of them in their own ways lived in the Church as in a garden where they heard the voice of God calling them the Beloved and where they found the courage to make Jesus the center of their lives."

—Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*



## Prayer

Walk through the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and pay particular attention to the artwork. As you make your way through the Basilica, look for a depiction of a saint that attracts you.

*Who is the saint?*

*What attracts you to them?*

*What might you say to them if you met?*

*How might they respond?*

Before leaving the Basilica, ask your saint to intercede for you and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

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### NEXT UP: Administration Building

Walk out of the Basilica's front entrance and turn left. The Administration Building is easily recognizable due to the Golden Dome sitting atop it. It is immediately adjacent to the Basilica.

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# Administration Building

The Main Building, also known as The Golden Dome, currently serves as the administrative hub for the University. When it was completed in 1879, however, it housed classrooms, dormitories, and the refectory; this multifaceted beginning recalls the small and humble origins of the University.

The original Main Building burned down in spring of 1879 but was rebuilt the same year. In 1882, the University capped the reconstruction with a 19-foot-tall golden statue of Mary, the Mother of God. This statue honors the patroness and namesake of the University who is known affectionately in French as “Notre Dame,” or *Our Lady*.

## *Did you know?*

The mosaic floor on the main floor of the Main Building depicts the emblem and motto of the Congregation of Holy Cross: a cross and two anchors with the words CRUX SPES UNICA, “The cross, our only hope.”





## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

# Reflection

Mary always leads us to Jesus. As the one who gave flesh to Jesus and who spent her life following her Son, Mary was the first disciple and shows us the way to God.

In the words of Pope Francis, "What took place most singularly in the Virgin Mary also takes place within us, spiritually, when we receive the word of God with a good and sincere heart and put it into practice. It is as if God takes flesh within us; he comes to dwell in us, for he dwells in all who love him and keep his word... Believing in Jesus means giving him our flesh with the humility and courage of Mary, so that he can continue to dwell in our midst.

It means giving him our hands, to caress the little ones and the poor; our feet, to go forth and meet our brothers and sisters; our arms, to hold up the weak and to work in the Lord's vineyard; our minds, to think and act in the light of the Gospel; and especially to offer our hearts to love and to make choices in accordance with God's will."



# Prayer

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope!  
To thee do we cry, poor banished  
children of Eve. To thee do we send up  
our sighs, mourning and weeping in  
this valley of tears! Turn, then,  
O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes  
of mercy toward us, and after this,  
our exile, show unto us the blessed  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement,  
O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.*



## NEXT UP: Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue

As you exit the front door of the Administration Building onto "God Quad," you will see the Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue immediately ahead of you in a raised flower bed.



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# Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue

This statue, sculpted by Robert Cassiani and dedicated during the 1893 commencement exercises, is one of the campus' most visible symbols of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The inscription at the base of the statue translates to "Come to me, everyone." The open arms of the statue represent the openness of Christ to all people and his desire to love them with his Sacred Heart.

## *Did you know?*

Though difficult to view from ground level, the Sacred Heart statue is the bottom point of a heart shape, formed by the sidewalks in the main quad (see the opening map for details).

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## SACRED HEART OF JESUS STATUE

## Reflection

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is an important devotion for the priests and brothers of Holy Cross. The founder of their religious community, Bl. Basil Moreau, saw the Sacred Heart as “an image of God’s love for humanity and of humanity’s love for God.”

The statue at the center of campus communicates the immense love God has for each of us. In the image of the Sacred Heart, Jesus exposes his heart, revealing that it is on fire with love and compassion. Jesus also stretches out his arms as a sign of mercy and welcome. On the pedestal below, the words “VENITE AD ME OMNES” express the deep desire of God for all people to accept Jesus’ offer of divine love.

## Prayer

*O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine.*

*Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.*

*Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me.*

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### NEXT UP: Clarke Memorial Fountain

Facing the Golden Dome with the statue behind you, take a right and walk around the LaFortune Student Center until you reach the quad on the other side (“North Quad”). Clarke Memorial Fountain is on an open concrete patio.

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# Clarke Memorial Fountain

The Clarke Memorial Fountain, known colloquially among students as Stonehenge, is a monument dedicated to the some 500 Notre Dame alumni who died in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The names of the three wars are engraved on the arches, which each face one of the cardinal directions, with the fourth column bearing the Latin inscription "Pro Patria et Pace," or *For Country and Peace*.

## *Did you know?*

Each year on Veteran's Day, the University's ROTC detachments keep an all-day vigil at the Clarke Memorial Fountain.

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## CLARKE MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

## Reflection

The design of this memorial points to the unambiguous heaviness of war without attempting to resolve the moral complexities that surround it. The 20-ton columns of Indiana limestone allude to the gravity of war while the fountains beneath them convey its turmoil and many ripple effects. At the same time, the living water reminds us of the lives affected by war, both the lives given in combat and the lives that continue on in its wake. The stationary sphere at the center points to the hope of a world at peace.

We honor the generosity of those who have laid down their lives in service and sacrifice, recognizing that their self-gift was a permanent choice. Nevertheless, we hope for a time when war and conflict will cease. We work to undermine the root causes of violence, injustice, and conflict, and pray for peace in our hearts and in our world.

## Prayer

*Almighty and eternal God. May your grace enkindle in all of us a love for the many unfortunate people whom poverty and misery reduce to a condition of life unworthy of human beings.*

*Arouse in the hearts of those who call you Father a hunger and thirst for justice and for fraternal charity in deeds and in truth.*

*Grant, O Lord, peace in our days, peace to souls, peace to families, peace to our country, and peace among nations.  
Amen.*

—POPE PIUS XI

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### NEXT UP: Word of Life Mural at Hesburgh Library

From the fountain, walk east (in the opposite direction of the dome) to the edge of campus where you will find the Hesburgh Library. Walk around the right side of the building to find The Word of Life mural adorning the southern face of the building, overlooking the stadium.

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# Word of Life Mural at Hesburgh Library

The *Word of Life* mural adorns the south face of the 14-story Hesburgh Library. More commonly known as “Touchdown Jesus,” the mural depicts Christ the Teacher with arms outstretched over great scholars, teachers, and saints — the history of the Church. The mural is 132 feet high and 65 feet wide, containing 81 types of stone from 16 countries. Designed by artist Millard Sheets, the mural was installed in the spring of 1964. The “Word of Life” mural is a helpful reminder that no amount of study or scholarship will ever replace Jesus Christ who is himself “the way, the truth, and the life.”

## Did you know?

The Hesburgh Library replaced the Lemonnier Library, which is present-day Bond Hall. When opened in 1963, this library was the largest collegiate library in the world.

## Reflection

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

— (John 1:1-5)

In the *Word of Life* mural, Christ the Teacher presides over a procession of thinkers, scholars, and teachers from history who collectively represent the great tradition of handing down truth and wisdom from one generation to the next. Those who surround Christ in the mural are part of a continuous line of those who have sought and shared Truth in every age. God calls each one of us as well to be a part of this lineage, sharing in it as recipients, participants, and communicators.

## Prayer

Please pray for the students, faculty, and staff of this campus and for all those who seek the Truth with honest minds and earnest hearts.

### *Aquinas' Student's Prayer*

*Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself.*

*Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

### NEXT UP: Moreau Seminary

From the north side of the library (opposite of the mural), follow the sidewalk straight until you reach Holy Cross Drive on the periphery of campus. Turn left on Holy Cross Drive and follow the sidewalk west until you reach Saint Joseph's Lake. Walk north (right) around this first lake until you reach Moreau Seminary on the northwestern side.

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# Moreau Seminary

Moreau Seminary is the house of formation for men preparing to be priests and brothers in the Congregation of Holy Cross. At any given time, Moreau Seminary has fifty or more residents, most of whom are studying theology at Notre Dame. The facilities include a chapel, library, dining hall, auditorium, barber shop, common spaces, and even an indoor basketball court.

The chapel of Moreau Seminary was designed by Fr. Anthony Lauk, C.S.C., a priest who taught for many years in Notre Dame's art department. The chapel is arrayed with his stained glass designs executed in the dalle de verre style, but the brilliant colors can only be seen from the inside. During the semester, Moreau Seminary opens this chapel to the campus community for a candlelit service of Night Prayer on Thursday evenings at 9:00 p.m.

## *Did you know?*

Moreau Seminary was used during the filming of the movie Rudy. Rudy's "dorm room" is on the fourth floor and his iconic acceptance scene takes place on the seminary's lakeside lawn.



## Reflection

"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."

—*Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross*

The men in formation at Moreau Seminary are responding to God's specific invitation in their lives. For each of us too, God calls us individually through our personal gifts, talents, and desires. Discovering and living our vocation is the work of a lifetime. For many students, this campus has provided the fertile ground in which their vocation was planted.

## Prayer

*Loving God, you are the deepest ground of my being and you love me infinitely more than I can love myself. Help me to open up to your life-giving and challenging presence. Enlighten the eyes of my heart to discern your most holy will, in which all that is good has its source and sustenance, today and always. Guide me as I seek to live my own vocation and please bless all those who desire to hear your voice and respond in love.*

*For all priests and religious and those preparing for this state in life, God help them to hear your voice and respond in love.*

*For all married couples and those preparing for marriage, God help them to hear your voice and respond in love.*

*For all single people, God help them to hear your voice and respond in love.*

*For all of those still discerning their vocation or state of life, God help them to hear your voice and respond in love.*

*Amen.*

### NEXT UP: The Cross in the Woods

Continue walking northwest along the lake trail (to the left if you're facing Moreau Seminary) until you reach a point where the path splits off to the right. At the end of that trail, there are kneelers, benches, and the Cross in the Woods.

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## The Cross in the Woods

Known among students as “The Cross in the Woods,” a life-size crucifixion scene is tucked away in the woods along the northwest shore of St. Joseph’s Lake. The scene marks the twelfth station of a lakeside Stations of the Cross which begin behind Columba Hall, the large building just northeast of the Grotto. While many people visit The Cross in the Woods as they pray the Stations of the Cross, these bronze statues of Jesus, Mary, and John the Beloved Disciple remain a quiet, hidden place for solitude, prayer, and reflection—even during the busiest days on campus.

### *Did you know?*

Protected from wind by the trees and from heavy traffic by the snow, *The Cross in the Woods* in wintertime is the most tranquil outdoor location on campus, especially at night when the only sound comes from the creaking of old sycamores.

## Reflection

When Bl. Basil Moreau founded the Congregation of Holy Cross, he placed it under the special patronage of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows. The Constitutions of his community read: "There stood by the cross of Jesus his mother Mary, who knew grief and was a Lady of Sorrows. She is our special patroness, a woman who bore much she could not understand and who stood fast. To her many sons and daughters, whose devotions ought to bring them often to her side, she tells much of this daily cross and its daily hope."

As we approach the cross of Christ here in the woods at Notre Dame, we bring our grief, pain, anguish, and whatever else we hold in our hearts. We stand united with Mary at the foot of the cross, confident that only through the Cross will we experience the Resurrection.



## Prayer

*"You all know what we mean when we speak of a mother's love, the love a mother has for the children she bore, a love that makes her think constantly about them and to work for this happiness. What is more tender, stronger, more generous, and more heroic? This is only a feeble image of what Mary's heart feels for each of us and of the love that burns there for us since she became our mother and adopted us as her children. It is here that you can glimpse the excess of her tenderness as you witness everything she suffered to make us happy for all eternity."*

*Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.*

—FROM A SERMON BY BASIL MOREAU  
ON THE HEART OF MARY, FEBRUARY 8, 1841

### NEXT UP: Holy Cross Cemetery

Walk out to Moreau Drive and turn left (west) where Moreau Drive intersects Saint Mary's Road. From here, you will see Holy Cross Cemetery to the west.



### *Did you know?*

The earliest burial in the cemetery is Brother Joachim, C.S.C., who died on April 13, 1844. Br. Joachim arrived at Notre Dame in 1842 with Fr. Sorin and was a tailor and a cook.

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## Holy Cross Cemetery

Holy Cross Cemetery is the final resting place of the priests and brothers of the United States Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The men buried here lived together in community and dedicated their lives to service of God and neighbor. For most of them, Notre Dame was either a place of study, service, community, or perhaps some combination of all three.

## Reflection

Cemeteries are a reminder to us that our time on earth is limited. We are faced with our own mortality every time we come to lay a loved one to rest. However, cemeteries are also a reminder of the faith that we have in the resurrection and our hope for eternal life. When we walk through the silent rows of a cemetery, we are reminded of the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us into heaven and who now intercede for us.

St. Andre Bessette, C.S.C., the first canonized saint from the Congregation of Holy Cross, wrote, "When I die, I will go to heaven and I will be much closer to God than I am now. I will have more power to help you."

## Prayer

*Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God, the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you; go forth, Christian soul.*

*May you live in peace this day; may your home be with God in Zion, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph and all the angels and saints.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Amen.*

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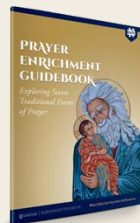
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