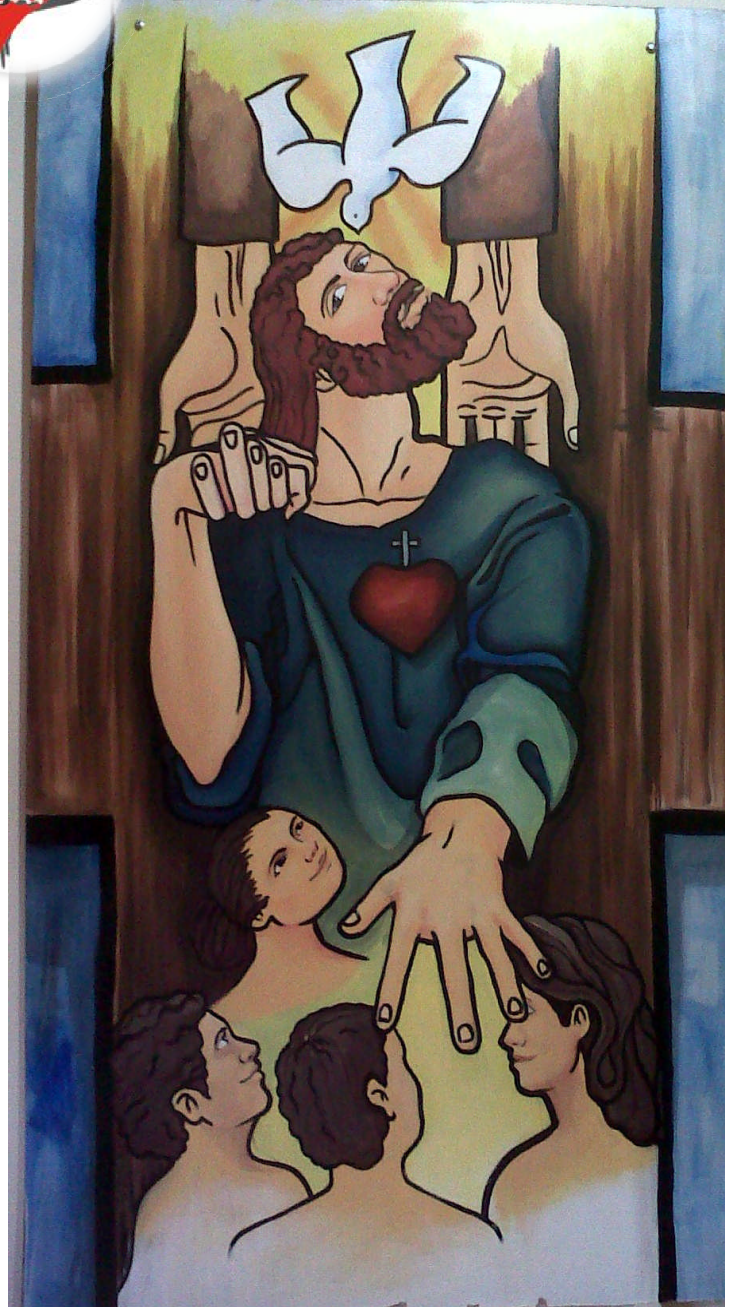




The Apostleship of the Cross in the church is characterized by living the spirit of the cross with a spirit of community among its members and them with the church; so that in loving service the members can build-up the Body of Christ. Through our baptism, we all participate in the priesthood of Christ and live this common priesthood by offering our daily life, our very self (joy, sufferings, sanctification of work...) as links forming a chain of love and joy, a chain that gives life, that unites us with God and His creation. Therefore, it is in the expressions of unity-communion that the living cross of the Apostolate is made possible, bringing life and enthusiasm to the people of God.

Through the work of the Apostleship of the Cross, we are called to embrace our vocation by being apostles of love, of the cross, apostles that give themselves to God, apostles of unity in our groups and in the church, that is, *apostles of the communion* building the Priestly People. Thus, it is in the way of living the Spirituality of the Cross that people will recognize that there is something extraordinary about the members of the Apostleship of the Cross, something different, living crosses that are witnesses of God's love. This Spirituality of the Cross is a gift and a task, and is for all of us. It impels us to work for unity, to witness, building-up the Mystical Body of Christ. It calls us to be a living cross, not only among the members of the groups, but with the other works of the cross, in the parish, the society, and the church, as lovers of the God One and Triune.



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