

HOW DO YOU WANT TO LIVE YOUR LIFE?

The holiness of love is the purpose and goal of our lives. That might sound pious or vague. But humility, availability, and obedience are all ways for us to become holy, to love more wholly, day by day.

Holiness is not about leading a cocooned or insulated life. It is striving to live 'perfect love' which is a free, joyful, and selfless love of God and neighbour. We too can reach for St Paul's goal: "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" Galatians 2:20.

Rosmini, with his philosopher's mind, describes love in a most incisive yet beautiful way: "the act by which the will is borne into good". As we grow to want to love everything that is good, and as we seek to love most that which is the greater good, naturally we will find God because "God indeed is the greatest good" (Constitutions 549).



APOSTOLIC AND CONTEMPLATIVE

Yes, we are an Order of apostolic life, of mission, of works but we also endeavour to have an ever-present contemplative dimension to our lives. This tempers the busyness of our lives and helps ensure that all we do is of God's will and not just our own 'good ideas'. By remaining close to the Lord, listening to him and discerning with the Holy Spirit, we become contemplatives in action.

The balance between communal and personal prayer, the daily celebration of Holy Mass, time before the Blessed Sacrament, regular spiritual and ecclesial reading, and our multifaceted active ministry, is for us the path of our fundamental call to holiness, seeking nothing more than to please God.

