

MAXIMS OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

Reflecting on his own spiritual insights and lived experiences, Rosmini formulated six Maxims of Christian Life. They are six pointers to the living of our faith.

Here they are in simplified form:

1. **Desire only to be and do as God wishes**
2. **Love the Church of Jesus and collaboratively build it up**
3. **Remain calm always, for it is God who leads the Church and all within it**
4. **Trust in God's providence and discover true freedom**
5. **Embrace the beauty of a humble life**
6. **Let wisdom enrich your heart and mind**



We find they provide a constant and dependable guide: rendering our lives joyful and worthwhile, and speaking afresh to us every day.

UNIVERSAL CHARITY

Rosmini named his Order the Institute of Charity. The Latin word Caritas also translates as Love. Sometimes he refers to us as the Society of Love.

Rosmini identifies three aspects of universal love or charity: temporal, intellectual and spiritual. He did so not to divide love, which is one, but to help us glimpse God's all-embracing love for the wholeness of ourselves – body, mind and soul – as human persons made to love God and all people.



In our world, so often fragmented and tense with divisions and suspicions, Rosmini's call to universal charity is a call to '**love without borders**'. No-one is beyond God's love, and so our mission is truly universal, and our call so broad it is beyond measure. Indeed Rosmini insisted that the Institute "set itself no limit or boundary to the exercise of charity" (Constitutions 12, cf. Mt 5:48).