

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross

FAITH STATEMENT OF THE ORDER

We believe and confess Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Him. Therefore, The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross identifies the following four elements as essential for membership.

- 1. We confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God, containing all things necessary for salvation, and to be the final authority and unchangeable standard for Christian faith.
- 2. We confess Baptism and the Holy Eucharist to be Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself in the Gospel, and thus to be ministered with unfailing use of His words of institution and of the elements ordained by Him.
- 3. We confess as proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture the historic faith of the undivided church as declared in the three catholic creeds; the Apostles, the Nicene and the Athanasian.
- 4. We confess that the Holy Orders of Bishops, Priest and Deacons have been entrusted with safe-guarding the Church and the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.