



## *Reading and Resources for Those Discerning a Monastic Vocation with the Order of the Holy Cross*

The principal resource for all Christian monks, indeed, for all Christians, is holy scripture. Holy Cross monks read, study, and pray scripture daily, engaging with it on multiple levels. In both the Anglican and the monastic traditions, the daily recitation of scripture-based prayer, called The Divine or Daily Office, is fundamental. A person who wants to become a monk will want to make this, as much as it is possible, his daily practice.

*The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) provides the necessary framework for Anglicans. The Monastery's own office book is a newly revised edition of *A Monastic Breviary* (West Park, NY: Holy Cross Publishing & Morehouse, 1976). You can also access the Daily Office online, including readings and hymns, for free from Mission St. Clare: <http://www.missionstclare.com>. They also have an app for your phone or tablet.

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Vest, Norvene, Obl. OSB, *Preferring Christ*, Morehouse Publishing, 2004