

## Sion Constitution (1984)

- #44 - *At Sion we are called to live in community.  
Our ideal is  
that of the first Christians of Jerusalem.  
They were of one heart and soul.  
Even in the midst of tension,  
we strive to actualize the prayer of Christ,  
"Father, may they be one as we are one  
so that the world may know  
that you have sent me." (Jn 17:21)*
- #45 - *Our effort to build community  
is a sign  
that the reign of God has already begun.  
It is also a sign  
of hope of the universal reconciliation  
to which we are dedicated in the Church.  
Thus our community life  
is in itself apostolic and  
is essential to our vocation.*
- #46 - *In community  
the risen Christ is present among us.  
He is the center  
of our lives and  
of our communities;  
He sends us forth to others.*
- #48 - *Community life is built  
through the active participation of each member.  
It is strengthened  
by faith, mutual support, sharing,  
service of each other, and also  
in suffering, difficulty, weakness and failure.  
The pardon of Christ, received and shared,  
restores our communion and  
enables us to start afresh with renewed confidence.  
Our community life is both  
the gift of God and the result of our efforts.*
- #50 - *The community needs others and exists for others.  
We want to be present and concerned with our world.  
We welcome all who come, and  
we are enriched and challenged by these encounters.  
We try to create and to support other communities.  
In situations of division and injustice  
we encourage each other so that  
we may be signs that love is possible.*

#50 - *In the light of the Word of God,  
and guided by the constitution,  
each community formulates its project of life.  
This expresses the aims the community sets itself  
to respond to the vocation of the Congregation  
and the means to achieve them,  
taking into account persons, situations and  
the orientations given by the province.*

#51.2 - *Through this project drawn up and put into  
practice together, each sister is responsible for the progress  
and the spiritual growth of the group just as each community  
is responsible for that of the province. Each one gives an  
account of her observance of the project, and the community  
in its turn supports and challenges each sister in her  
apostolic endeavors.*