

**RULE**  
*of*  
**BOSE**

## Prologue

1. Brother, sister,  
you cannot count on yourself, but only on God's love.  
The one who has called you will not disappoint your  
hopes; (Rom 5.5)  
he will make you steadfast and protect you from the  
one who divides. (2 Thess 3.3)  
Remember Christ's promise:  
"There is no one who has given up house, lands,  
brothers or sisters,  
mother or father, husband or wife for my sake and for  
the sake of the Gospel  
who will not receive a hundred times more now in this  
present age, and  
eternal life in the age to come." (Mk 10.29)  
Seek, then, God's kingdom and his righteousness, (Mt  
6.33)  
and proclaim in your life that the kingdom of heaven  
is at hand. (Mt 10.3)  
Do not seek money or possessions for yourselves, (Mt.  
10.9)  
do not worry about your tomorrow, (Mt 6.34)  
give and bear peace to all. (Lk 10.5)  
Be like sheep among wolves; be cautious,  
but as sincere and simple as a dove. (Mt 10.16)  
Do not fear life's daily sufferings and experiences of  
persecution. (Mt 5.12, 10.26)  
Rejoice in them, and be glad to suffer for Christ! (Acts  
5.41)

Follow your Master as his disciple, by listening to his word: (Mt 4.19)

whether you are awake or asleep, night and day,  
it will sprout and grow, although you know not how.  
(Mk 4.26)

2. You are no longer alone! You must count on your brothers and sisters in all things. (Gen 4.9)

Love them, since God has given them to you as your primary guardians,  
just as Christ loved you to the end. (Jn 13.34)  
Love this community, and with it and through it, love all people.

Love all creatures, praise God for them,  
and try to find purification, teaching and consolation in them. (Dan 3.57, Jn 13.35)

You are called to be a sign of the love that gives itself for others!

In common living, celibacy, poverty, and obedience,  
seek nothing more than to follow Christ. (Mt 6.5)

None of what you do should be done to impress people.

Anoint your body with perfume, be cheerful, let your face radiate joy. (Mt 6.17, 1 Thess 5.16)

Try to believe that God is present everywhere.

Consecrate yourselves to becoming intimately familiar with the divine presence

so that you will be able to give it witness; (1 Thess 5.17)

try to pray to your Lord without ceasing. (Mk 10.37)

Do not value anything above the love of Christ!

Ask for God's Spirit each day so that he will complete  
the work he has begun in you. (Lk 11.13)  
Once you have put your hand to the plow, do not look  
back; (Lk 9.61)  
led by the Holy Spirit, go forward in the footsteps of  
Jesus, (Mt 16.24)  
your Teacher, your Lord,  
towards your one Father, God. (Jn 6.43)  
Amen.