“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

JOHN 12:24

The story of man’s redemption is reflected in the life of a grain of wheat. A grain dying only to live, and disintegrating only to become useful, is symbolic of that divine, selfless love. Through his death, Christ will be accessible to all.

A bumper crop of wheat necessitated harvesting assistance from University faculty and Holy Cross religious in 1918—photograph courtesy of the University Archives.