



College of the Holy Cross Class of 2005

December 2007

Dear Friends,

For me, nothing signaled the start of the holiday season atop Mt. Saint James than the appearance of those gray, decaying snow steps in front of Dinand Library. It was a sure sign that it was time to trade in our flip flops and t-shirts for Ugg boots and North Face jackets, that soon the tree would be lit in front of O'Kane, and the sounds of the Lessons and Carols would soon be floating out of the Chapel. As students many of us used this time to remember the true spirit of giving. We gave our time as SPUD volunteers. We donated Toys for Tots at Mass or put together a package for the Giving Tree. Of course, we also shared the gift of friendship with each other, as we spent a few last hours together before we departed for the semester break, whether over Christmas dinner in Kimball or some festive punch at an "ugly holiday sweater" party.

Now we have other indicators of the holiday season. Circling the mall for 20 minutes to find a parking space, scrambling to find a date for our company Christmas parties, cramming for law and med school final exams. This is a busy time of year for all of us, but I hope you will take a minute to remember your favorite Holy Cross holiday memories and consider giving back to the school that gave us these times together. Your support is so important, because students today are having the same life-changing experience that we had. Our gifts help to ensure that HC continues to offer students the best Catholic, liberal arts education available. Remember, gifts by December 31 will have the added bonus of a tax deduction for your 2007 returns and of course count towards our 2008 goal of 52% class participation.

I also want to make you aware of an error in the Report of Giving that went to your homes within the past couple weeks. Fifteen of our classmates were not listed, despite having made a gift in FY07. The reason for this was a computer glitch that did not credit them for gifts "In Memory Of" someone else. Fourteen of these people made gifts to the Sheila Lynch Fund, and the fifteenth made a gift to the lacrosse fund in memory of Martha Lemley. We want to apologize for this error and acknowledge these classmates; their gifts were noticed and appreciated.

Jesse Ainlay
Caitlin Barrett
Timothy Berendt

Amy Jarboe
Rominna Lim
Jaclyne Manzi

Jeanne Normand
Kevin O'Shea
Elizabeth Peduzzi

Julie Hugo
Meredith Irwin

Christopher Markunas
Danielle Metterville

Daniel Sammartino
Laura Scott

Thanks for taking a few minutes to walk down memory lane with me. We love to hear what everyone is up to these days, so please continue to share your updates by emailing us at holyclassof2005@gmail.com. Liz, Luz and I send you our best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Jenn Macrotte '05