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On Saturday, March 20, more than 50 class chairs returned to Mount Saint James for the annual spring class chairs & correspondents meeting. The theme for the day was *participation*—those in attendance discussed the importance of alumni participation in the Holy Cross Fund.

During the meeting, the second annual Reverend Francis X. Miller, S.J., '46 Prizes were awarded to nine class chairs, in recognition of their service to Holy Cross. The prizes are given to the class chairs whose classes have the highest participation rates at the time of the spring meeting. This year, Bill Shea '39 and George J. White '39 received the prize for the Purple Knights classes; Paul Dupuis '54, Frank Lasch '54 and Barry McDonough '54 received the prize for reunion classes; George Ford '60 and George Sullivan '60 received the prize for non-reunion classes out more than 16 years; and Liz Maloy '03 and Inez Russo '03 received the prize for non-reunion classes out less than 14 years.

For many years, Holy Cross has enjoyed strong participation by alumni in the Holy Cross Fund. The College has ranked annually among the top private liberal arts colleges in participation rates. While these rates are a wonderful accomplishment, they also carry significant impor-



tance: they are a major factor in college rankings (such as *U.S. News & World Report*), and allow the College to compete for competitive grants offered by foundations and corporations.

All donations—regardless of size—are essential to Holy Cross maintaining its place among the elite, private, liberal arts colleges. Participation matters!

From top; left to right: Joe Terranova '85 and Mark Wickstrom '90; Debbie Pelles '79; Kath Moylan '87; Sr. Vice President Frank Vellaccio; Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., '53; Paul Dupuis '54, Inez Russo '03, Rev. Francis X. Miller, S.J., '46, Liz Maloy '03, and Barry McDonough '54.



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Fifth Avenue & 42nd Street, New York, NY:
 On April 13, the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York sponsored an extraordinary evening at The New York Public Library as part of its Distinguished Speaker Series. Paul O. LeClerc, Ph.D., '63, President and CEO of the Library, hosted a cocktail reception followed by a talk and tour of the Library.

The New York Public Library is widely recognized as one of the preeminent libraries in the world, and consists of 4 research and 85 branch libraries spread over 130 square miles of New York City. Among those who enjoyed the tour given by Dr. LeClerc were: (top left, left to right) Jim Marrone '80, Rick Patterson '80, Maggie Marrone '80 and Art Casavant '80; LeClerc and Jenks Chair in Contemporary American Letters Danzy Senna; George Ross, Jr. '92 and Frank Harvey '64; Jack McNally '50, Wendy Henderson and Jonathan Nitche '97; and one of the highlights of the tour, the Main Reading Room.