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Connie P81 and George Cahill '49

Cahill Strikes Meaningful Chord with Scholarship

BY JOYCE O'CONNOR DAVIDSON

During his years as a student at Holy Cross, George F. Cahill '49, remembers riding the train back to school after time home in Newton, Mass., with classmate John E. Brooks '49. On occasion they would share a taxi from the Worcester train station back to Mount Saint James, where they lived on the same floor. During those days, Cahill was the class president.

"As a returning veteran of World War II," Cahill recalls, "John Brooks was a serious student and a most esteemed member of the Class."

Brooks, who went on to become a Jesuit priest and president of Holy Cross from 1970-1994, says: "People had a great deal of respect for George. He had the ability to draw all people in. He was a very well respected member of the community here."

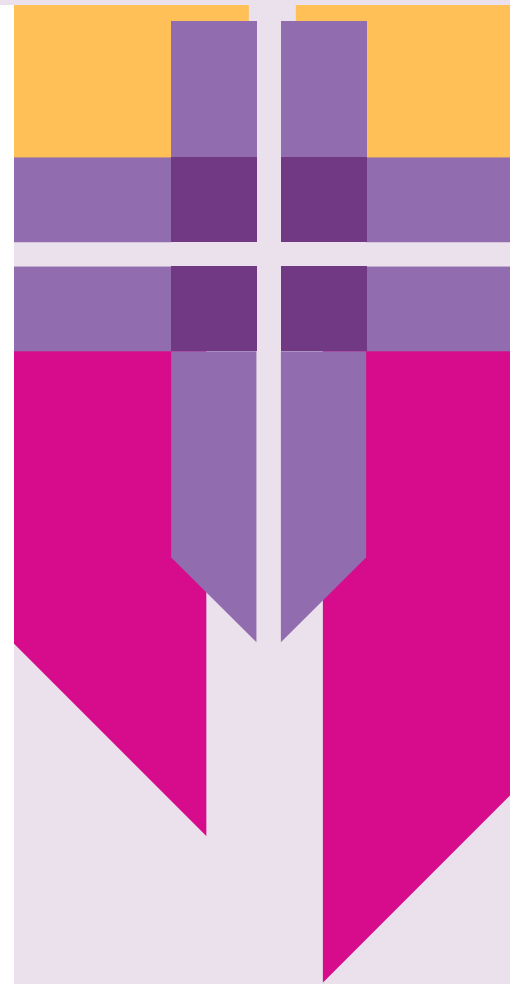
The friendship that was established during those years between Fr. Brooks and Cahill continued to grow. Cahill became a Boston lawyer and married his wife, Connie. They

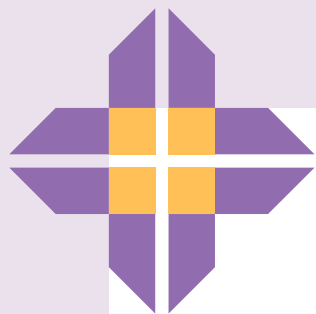
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had four children—Greg '81, Mark, Pamela and Christopher. Connie and George attended Fr. Brooks' first public Mass, which was celebrated in June of 1959 at St. Joseph's Church in Needham, Mass. The Cahills and Fr. Brooks remained friends throughout the years and shared a love of all things Holy Cross. George has been an active participant in many alumni activities, including serving as class chair and, eventually, president of the General Alumni Association (GAA).

One of the things the Cahills enjoyed together was music. For more than 25 years they held tickets to the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and every summer they headed west on the Massachusetts Turnpike to Lenox to attend concerts at Tanglewood. One of the most memorable BSO performances they attended together was *The Passion According to St. Mark*, composed by Holy Cross Associate Professor of Music

celebrated the funeral Mass and delivered the homily at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill, the parish church where George had worshipped as a youth.

On the occasion of his 55th reunion in June of 2004, George decided he wanted to make a significant contribution to Holy Cross, so he went to see Fr. Brooks.

"Now that we're both 'semi-retired,'" says George, "there is more time for conversation, and it's kind of nice."

They talked and came up with the notion that part of the gift would benefit the music department, to honor Connie and to address the needs of a department about which Fr. Brooks cares deeply. This was accomplished with the establishment of *The Constance and George Cahill Music Scholarship*. The scholarship, which will be awarded by the music department, will provide needed financial aid to talented students majoring in music.

Cahill also decided to memorialize several classmates and friends. He has established 15 Holy Cross class fund endowments in their names. Those men will be listed as donors to the College in perpetuity.


While Connie played piano, George and his friend, Fr. Brooks, laugh about their lack of musical talents. Fr. Brooks explains that his interest in music comes from his understanding of the history of Jesuit education, not from an ability to play an instrument. Not only were the Jesuits dedicated in their teaching of the classics and philosophy, he explains, but they also had a strong interest in music, art and theatre.

As president of the College, Fr. Brooks thought Holy Cross should have strong programs in these areas, and he worked to nurture them. This music scholarship—part of the Brooks Music Center—was created to honor a beloved wife and devoted friend, and is, according to George, "a fitting remembrance of Connie, perpetuating her name at Holy Cross, which she loved, and paying tribute to many years of friendship with Father Brooks—and our shared love of music—all to benefit Holy Cross."

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Osvaldo Golijov. Cahill called the February 2001 performance "absolutely overwhelming"; critics called *The Passion*, "the first great symphony of the 21st century." Golijov lectured a group of Holy Cross alumni just prior to that performance as part of the Donelan Faculty Lecture Series, and the evening brought together all the things George Cahill loved most: being with Connie, taking in a stunning performance and enjoying the company of Holy Cross friends.

When Connie became very ill with cancer in 2002, Fr. Brooks notes, she suffered without complaint, which was her way. During the Christmas season of that year, Fr. Brooks and Fr. Francis Miller, S.J., '46, went to visit the Cahills, to bless Connie and to celebrate the Eucharist for her at the Cahill home in Weston. Connie died in January 2003; Fr. Brooks cel-

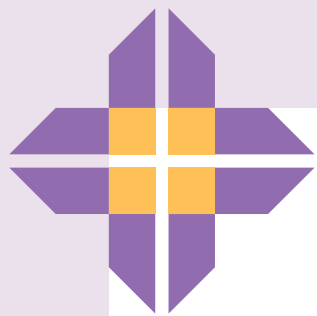


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■ HONORING THE LEGENDARY FR. LABRAN

BY SARAH O'BRIEN MACKEY

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Bill Supple '81 and Mary Lynch Supple '82 graduated from Holy Cross only a year apart, but they barely knew each other in college. It wasn't until three or four years later that they were formally introduced by mutual Holy Cross friends.

"Mary and I met *because* of Holy Cross but not at Holy Cross," says Bill. "And I consider that a kind of divine intervention—we didn't meet until we were ready."

Although their own paths rarely crossed, Bill and Mary found that their Holy Cross experiences were profoundly influenced by the same man—the legendary Rev. Joseph J. LaBran, S.J., '38. A beloved figure to generations of Holy Cross students, Fr. LaBran was known for his purple Stetson, walking staff and his spirited greeting of "Yahweh!" to everyone he met. Separately, both Bill and Mary attended one of Fr. LaBran's retreats, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, spending five days in silent reflection on their relationship with God.

"Father LaBran connected people in so many ways," says Mary. "He lived in the dorms; he let you know when he didn't see you at Mass, but he was also no stranger to visiting students in the pub. He was larger than life in many ways, but he was also a very holy man."

Still connecting the Supples and Lynches to Holy Cross long after their graduation, Fr. LaBran celebrated Mass after several of the Lynch family biannual Holy Cross get-togethers and baptized all four of the Supple children. Now in his 90s, Fr. LaBran resides in the Campion Jesuit Community Retirement Home in Weston, Mass.



courtesy of the Supple family

Bill Supple '81 and Mary Lynch Supple '82

In honor of Fr. LaBran's life and work, the Supples recently made a gift of \$50,000 to the *Lift High the Cross* campaign; \$25,000 will create the LaBran Endowment Fund for general scholarships.

"Whether he was championing migrant farm workers, or raising funds for Holy Cross students who couldn't afford to attend the Spiritual Exercises, Father LaBran was committed to true social justice," says Bill. "We hope that this scholarship, in some small way, furthers his ideals."

Mary and Bill are part of a large Holy Cross family. Mary's father is retired Capt. Hugh F. Lynch, USN, '60; her brother, Paul, is a member of the Class of 1984 and her sister, Coleen, of the Class of 1995—plus, one of her uncles and several cousins are Holy Cross graduates. Bill's brother, Chris, graduated from Holy Cross in 1985 and his brother, Dave, in 1990. The Supples live in Needham, Mass., with their four children. A managing director at Robeco Investment Management in Boston, Bill has served as a class chair since graduating from Holy Cross; both he and Mary are members of the President's Council and Holy Cross class agents. Their license plate reads "HC 8182."

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courtesy of the Supple family

Fr. LaBran surrounded by the Supple children and the children of Anne W. O'Brien '82

■ EXTENDING THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY

Father and son, James F. Mooney Jr. '52 and James F. Mooney III '90, have joined together to create a new scholarship fund at Holy Cross, which they have named in honor of their wife and mother, Joan Marie Mooney. Joan, a graduate of Marymount College and Fordham University, was a former manager of employment at NBC in New York. This unique family endeavor will provide talented and deserving students the opportunity to receive a Holy Cross education—something both Jim Jr. and Jim III say has influenced their lives in profound ways.

“I was very proud when Jim chose to attend Holy Cross,” says the elder Mooney. “And I feel very proud that we are able to make this gift together today—especially as it honors a wonderful woman who has made great contributions to both our lives.”

“My mother has been one of the guiding forces in my life,” says Jim III. “She gave me the values I needed to make the right choices. To the extent that I have been successful, she is a big reason for it.”

Avid supporters of Catholic education, both father and son feel strongly about the impact that such a scholarship can have on a young person's life. “One of the things that is so special about Holy Cross is that it helps you establish a foundation for dealing with the world,” says Jim III. “It teaches you how to think about things within a moral framework.”

“It is a tough world out there today,” Jim Jr. adds, “and navigating it takes a true moral compass. I believe that a college like Holy Cross provides that compass.”

Holy Cross has maintained a special presence in the Mooney family, spanning the more than 50 years since the elder Mooney graduated. Both father and son maintain close friendships with classmates and such legendary Holy Cross figures as President Emeritus Rev. John E.



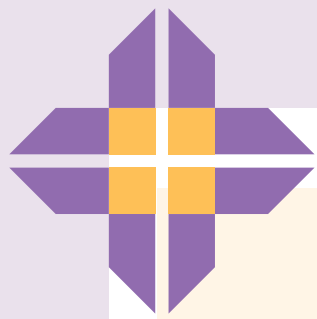
The Mooney Family: Joan Marie, James Jr. '52 and James III '90

Brooks, S.J., '49—who was president when Jim III was a student—and Rev. Francis X. Miller, S.J., '46, who is vice president emeritus.

Jim Jr. was principal and president of Mooney & Company, Inc., an Anheuser-Busch wholesaler, and of MacDougall's Cape Cod Marine Service. Currently, he is president of the Catholic Foundation of the Archdiocese of Boston, a member of the finance council and a trustee of the Catholic Schools Foundation. Joan and he are residents of Boston and Woods Hole, Mass.

Jim III, who has been a member of the President's Council since graduation, is a principal with The Baupost Group, a private investment firm in Boston. He and his wife, Lisa, have been active in the Catholic Schools Foundation for the past five years. They live in Cambridge with their two children, James, age 5, and Catherine, age 3.

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On Nov. 6, 2004, at the dinner for distinguished, regent and benefactors circle members of President's Council in the Hogan Ballroom, Heidi Brake Smith '82 was inducted into Cornerstone. *Right:* Rev. Michael McFarland, S.J., and Chair of the Board Michael Collins '77 present Brake Smith with her cornerstone crystal.



Guests were entertained with musical selections performed by students in the music department. Annoosua Mukherjee '07, (*above left*) a Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., Music Scholar, violinist and music major from Hollis, N.H., performed a Beethoven sonata. New members of the Fitton and Fenwick Societies were publicly recognized. *Above right:* P.J. Crowley '73 and his daughter, Mary '08. *left:* Cornerstone members Bill '66 and Joan Guiney; *below left:* Katherine and Paul Stuka '77; and *below:* Dan '55 and Lise Wellehan



John Gillooly

CORNERSTONE DINNER, NOV. 6

The Murphy Reception, Nov. 18, 2004, at the Rainbow Room in N.Y.C. *At right, left to right:* Joe '72 and Christine Donelan, Lawrence Calcano '85, Kevin and Liz English P08; *below, left to right:* Kevin Frawley '73, Stan Grayson '72, and Mary Donahue Quinlan '76; Monica P99 and John Murphy '73; Cecelia, Jim '57 and Celia Haggerty, Joseph '57 and Doris Casale P88, and Daniel Haggerty '97; Jennifer Wolf, Kate O'Neil Kerwin '92, Claire Rosseel Kabot '88, Charles Whelan '70, and Roger Young '73



Rob Cahm

Anthony Marlon, M.D., '63, founder, chairman and CEO of Sierra Health Services, Inc., made a presentation to students in the premedicine and prebusiness programs on Nov. 16. Sierra Health Services operates an HMO covering more than 220,000 members and a medical practice group in Nevada.

Ellen Dubin

MARLON LECTURE, NOV. 16

MURPHY RECEPTION, NOV. 18