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A New Gold Standard
Accepting your invitation to comment, I have some initial reluctance lest my comments might go to your head. More important, though, is to let you know that I personally consider the Summer 2012 issue to be a turning point and new “gold standard” to live up to in the future.

First, Holy Cross Magazine at long last gives proper attention and placement to the Sanctae Crucis awardees (Page 30), and what’s this? Actual profiles of the awardees with photo spreads? Well done! (Warning: prior award recipients will be more than slightly jealous, and who can blame them? )

I loved the story of the Herrick family and the Holy Cross-educated doctors who were involved in the twins’ care—perfect and inspirational (Page 44). And it appears the Class of 1962 alumni are involved and busier than ever in retirement ... ditto! I also love the color, energy and joy that emanates from the Milestones section.

Altogether, this issue presents as a “keeper.” A near-perfect blend of information—uplifting and inspirational, mixing the past, present and future in a very nice balance.

Last, but far from least, in my personal list of heroes is Fr. Brooks.

Fewer finer and unselfish humans have ever walked the earth. That you held the presses to fit in the tribute on Page 88 is a testament to your common sense, sensitivity and sense of proportion. I am having the inside back cover framed for my office.

So, job well done. Excelsior! How are you going to top this? That is the challenge that waits ahead.

Bill McGovern ’74
Lafayette, N.J.

EDITOR’S NOTE
Our team certainly blushed after reading this letter—thank you for the kind words. We hope you will enjoy the tribute to Fr. Brooks starting on Page 54.

Justice Thomas
In regard to the letters from Michael Maloney, M.D., ’67 and Joseph Carey ’73 in last issue, I for one consider Clarence Thomas ’71 to be one of my very few heroes and a living profile in courage. Relentlessly castigated for failing to toe the liberal line and accused of being a traitor to his race, he remains impervious to the onslaught of his “tolerant” liberal critics. Rather than imposing his “social values” on the country, Justice Thomas actually limits himself to interpreting the Constitution. I couldn’t be prouder that he’s a fellow graduate of Holy Cross.

Richard P. (Pat) Mahoney ’69
Severn, Md.

I was most disconcerted to read two letters in the Summer issue attacking the character of a fellow alumnus, Justice Clarence Thomas ’71, and criticizing the Magazine’s editorial judgment in writing about a man who is by any measure the most influential Holy Cross graduate of the 20th century and the intellectual leader of the conservative (i.e. Catholic) Justices on the Supreme Court. As a lawyer, I would love to debate the merits of Justice Thomas’ legal positions on complex issues, but that is beyond the scope of this medium.

Based upon personal experience and observation I have come to a deep respect for Justice Thomas, not just for his consistent, originalist legal philosophy but for the man, the mensch, he is. Justice Thomas is truly a great American who cares deeply for the most disadvantaged among us, a milieu from which he arose. I will never forget his 2008 commencement address to the graduates of the Washington (D.C.) Jesuit Academy, a middle school for materially disadvantaged boys from the worst urban environments. His words of love, pride and encouragement and the smiles and hugs he gave the young men who had worked so hard for that day were enough to bring tears to the eyes of this crusty old tax nerd.

Bernard J. Long Jr. ’62
Bonita Springs, Fla.

Congratulations for having the courage to print letters (from Michael Maloney, M.D., ’67 and Joseph Carey ’73) that point out the disparity between the values that Holy Cross attempts to impart to its students and many of the votes of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas ’71. As an individual with farmers in both my immediate and extended families, one of the most grating was the decision Justice Thomas, a former Monsanto attorney, wrote allowing that corporation to sue farmers whose corn had been contaminated by GM corn against their wishes. Since corn is wind pollinated, the contamination may have been inadvertent, but the removal of ears from private property, the testing and then suing was and is, from the perspective of the victimized farmers, a conscious form of intimidation often leading to financial destruction.

Frank Reuter ’64
Berryville, Ark.

I was pleased to see the photo of the campus just inside the cover. Some of the buildings I lived or studied in are recognizable, but my how you have grown. I was also pleased to read the letters from Dr. Michael Maloney.
and Mr. Joseph Carey about Justice Thomas. They said very well what I have felt strongly for many years about my fellow alumni.

N. Kenneth Furlong, M.D., ’47
Arvada, Colo.

Magic Mongillo

I hope Holy Cross Magazine readers enjoyed Al Mongillo’s Flashback story about the Holy Cross Dance Band as much as I did (“When the Deep Purple Falls,” Page 54, Summer 2012). His love of music runs deeps, and he seems to create special moments wherever he goes. One from the 1980s stands out in my memory: Al and I have been friends since I was 10 years old, so when he came out to see his daughter in Sausalito, Calif., I flew up from Orange County for a visit.

We went out for a walk down Main Street and stopped in a tiny jazz club for a drink early in the evening. There was a three-piece group just jamming, and we were just about the only people at the club when a guy in the group asked me what my favorite instrument was. I said the clarinet, which he had, and I turned pointed at Al and said, “I’m sitting with a great drummer, if you would give him the sticks to play, you could all make magic.” He did, and Al took off and beat out those drums with the other guy on clarinet. I will never forget that wonderful, musical evening.

Linda Salkins
Long Beach, Calif.

The Top 25 Issue

The photographic collage on the Spring issue’s cover (“Top 25 Moments in Holy Cross History”) immediately got my attention, particularly the likenesses of President Lyndon Johnson and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for I met and chatted with each of them when they visited the College. My personal involvement in two of Holy Cross’ “Top 25 Moments” evoked good memories.

As you reported, Dr. King’s visit included an address in the Fieldhouse.

On November 9, 1962, as a 17-year-old freshman, I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. King. As I recall, it was raining hard, and as he waited in the emptied Fieldhouse for his car, a small group of us, mostly students, had the good fortune to sit down with him and engage him in conversation for about 40 minutes. Dr. King impressed me greatly.

In June 1964, President Johnson was the guest speaker at the College’s commencement exercises. As luck would have it, I was assigned, in my capacity as a Navy ROTC midshipman, to open the door of the president’s black Cadillac limousine and escort him to the canopy under which the speaker’s podium was located. As the big man alighted from the car, I saluted him, of course. He then extended his right hand and we shook.

Next, LBJ asked in his Texas drawl, “What’s yo’ name, boy?”

“Midshipman Mansfield, sir!” I responded and saluted again.

I then completed my escort service. Many years later I would wonder who walked him back to his limo after the graduation ceremony.

Chuck Mansfield ’66
Westhampton Beach, N.Y.

On Page 35 of the Spring 2012 issue there is a short article on WCHC, Holy Cross’ radio station. At the top there is a photo of two men. I am quite certain that the one on the left is the late Donald Sullivan ’49, AKA Sully. I never knew Sully as an undergraduate, but I know he was a member of the radio club as well as WCHC.

I graduated in 1952 and was commissioned Ensign USNR. Four days after graduation, I was headed to sea in a destroyer escort out of the Brooklyn Navy department. Sully and I served together for some years and became good friends. After the service, he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) in Washington, D.C. For almost 50 years we got together every summer for a reunion. Sully always brought a gorgeous companion, but alas never did marry. I recall he drove a beat-up old Mustang convertible, and he eventually retired to his native Hartford, Conn.

I, too, was on staff at WCHC, starting as an engineer. I subsequently had a program entitled The Crusader Hit Parade (that was at a time when the Lucky Strike Hit Parade was very popular). Studios were very cramped on the fourth floor of Fenwick, over the infirmary. Fr. John Kelly was our moderator and he was a stickler for doing things in a professional manner. Thanks for bringing back some fond old memories.

Capt. Gerry DeBaun ’52, USNR, Ret.
Mt. Myers, Fla.

If, as stated on Page 28 of the Summer 2012 issue of Holy Cross Magazine, the top moment in Holy Cross history is welcoming female students to the College, as orchestrated by Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J.; and if the No. 3 moment is recruiting African American men to Holy Cross, as accomplished by Fr. Brooks, and as detailed in the book Fraternity; and if, as I understand, Fr. Brooks also “saved” the Naval ROTC at Holy Cross; and if it is agreed Holy Cross would not be the educational powerhouse it is today, nor as financially stable were it not for Fr. Brooks—then I submit the really greatest moment in Holy Cross history is the day Fr. John E. Brooks was appointed President of the College of the Holy Cross.

Frank Marshall ’48
Tiverton, R.I.

A Song for Alma Mater

Your magazine is forever sought to complete my mail day. When I turned to Page 88 and read that Fr. Brooks had passed away, emotions cannot describe how I felt.

Fr. Brooks has been a friend to many, but I regarded him as a personal friend. Not long ago, I sent him a copy of a musical I wrote which he noted had been sent to Archives. The next letter included “The Alumni Song,” which I wrote during my sophomore year.
Years later, when I met Fr. Brooks in the Bank of America building in San Francisco, I dedicated the song to him:

There’ll always be a time recalling
Of all the days we spent, we two;
And the oft-repeated warnings
When a danger was in view.

And we’ll remember, Alma Mater,
As your banners proudly toss,
That was dead sure to win,
For thee ever, Holy Cross.

Fr. Brooks had a philosophy that opened the doors of the College to anyone. He shared this quite openly, for he loved Holy Cross. His years at the Cross came after I left and I would have enjoyed his experiences. Would that we had shared our years together.


Sanctae Crucis Honoree
I just received the Summer issue of Holy Cross Magazine and thoroughly enjoyed reading about the folks honored with the 2012 Sanctae Crucis Awards ... especially John Castellano ’71, who lived across the hall from me on Wheeler 2 my freshman year at Holy Cross (1968–1969). I remember John as a very generous and giving individual who made us feel comfortable and welcome—as first-year students on a floor of mostly sophomores. Believe me, this made for an easier transition to college life and was much appreciated.

Incidentally, the Fall 2009 issue of HCM featured our son, Dan, Class of 2000, and his experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in Macedonia. My wife Debbie and I were so proud to see this article in the Magazine. Dan and his wife Jillian completed their Peace Corps commitment in 2010, and now teach at an international school in Sohar, Oman. They have a five-month-old daughter, Rory (our first grandchild!).

Mike Kearney ’72
Dedham, Maine

EDITOR’S NOTE
We had so many letters in the last several weeks that we couldn’t fit them all here—but they are all included in the online Magazine at http://magazine.holycross.edu/

Errata
Our story about the five student a cappella groups, “In Perfect Harmony,” Page 16, incorrectly listed the date that the Delilahs started. One of the original Delilahs, Margaret Post ’96, let us know that the group was founded in 1993 by a group of women in the Class of 1996, including Meredith (Michaud) Hargus, Caitlin O’Brien, Heather (Razoyk) Pahigian and Amy Brogna-Baione, as well as Carolyn Flynn ’97. “At the time,” Post recalls, “there were only two other a cappella groups on campus, an all-male group ‘The Naturals’ and a female group called ‘Seventh Heaven.’”

While we had two of the original Delilahs on the line, we asked what their favorite tunes to sing for a crowd were in 1993. “‘Irish Blessing,’ Blind Melon’s ‘No Rain’ and Jackie Wilson’s ‘(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher,’” Brogna-Baione reports, adding, “I was—and continue to be—so, so proud of the Delilahs and all that we accomplished during our time there. And I’m very proud that it continues onward! It really was a remarkable group effort among the five wonderful founding women.” In case you missed it, we have posted videos of the current a cappella groups performing at http://www.holycross.edu/hcm/acappella.

In our Summer feature about the Top 25 Moments in Holy Cross history, we shared insights from Paul W. Lauf ’66, one of the proud Crusaders who earned his B.A. and M.S. degrees from the College before Holy Cross stopped offering master’s degrees in 1982. He told us that he “spent all summer 1965 reviewing inorganic, organic, analytical and physical chemistry,” as well as scientific German (not gender, as we incorrectly printed) for the ACS Qualifying exams. We apologize for the error.

We received a kind note of correction from Donald Foley ’43, who alerted us that we had misidentified him as the gentleman seated with Fr. Brooks at one of the alumni receptions in Florida this past spring (Spring 2012 issue, Page 58). That alumnus is actually Lawrence “Larry” H. Devereux ’51.

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INAUGURATION JOY

Every person has a special skill set where he or she really shines. Institutions do as well, and the September Inauguration of our 32nd President, Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., gave Holy Cross the chance to show off the areas where we as a community excel. Thoughtful planning—not, perhaps, the glitziest skill in our toolbox, but very important nonetheless—was evident in the committee and subcommittee work done months in advance to make sure that the campus was ready for hundreds of visitors. From music selections to placement of microphones, from space where delegates could don their academic robes to the banners lining College Street, every detail was discussed and planned with care and collaboration.

Another muscle we got to flex? Our purple pride. Not only did the already-notable beauty of the physical campus receive a little extra polish the week of Inauguration, students, faculty and staff were engaged at every level of the events celebrating Fr. Boroughs and Holy Cross.

One of the day's most talked about moments was the procession of the delegates, faculty and Inauguration party from the Hogan Campus Center up to the Hart Center. The Goodtime Marching Band led the way with rousing numbers while students in red Inauguration T-shirts lined the street, cheering and clapping. Some of us wondered if we'd have enough students to line the whole path, and it was decided that the lineup should start from the Hart Center, so if we “ran out” of students closer to Hogan, it wouldn’t be so noticeable. Boy, were we wrong. There were plenty of Crusaders out there, joyfully participating and impressing our guests from other institutions with their genuine enthusiasm.

Finally, Holy Cross showcased one of its greatest skills: commitment to the Ignatian spirit and mission. Beginning with a faculty symposium that examined teaching and learning at a Jesuit, liberal arts college in the 21st century, the events surrounding the Inauguration of Fr. Boroughs connected to his experience as a man of faith. At the Mass on Inauguration Day, which was, appropriately, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, members of Fr. Boroughs’ extended family were on hand to witness the missioning of their loved one and his blessing by the Holy Cross community, as everyone in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel raised their arms and extended their hands in prayer.

Once the excitement of the Inaugural events subsided, the spirit of community fostered by such a momentous event in our College’s history remained. And we look ahead with renewed vigor and a new leader to the next chapter for the College on the Hill.

In this extra-large issue, we hope you will find joy in the coverage of Inauguration, insight into the importance of spiritual retreats in Fr. Boroughs’ first President’s Report and solace in our tribute to the late Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49.

As always, we would like to hear what you think about your alumni magazine. Please email us at hcmag@holycross.edu.

All the best from Mount St. James,

Suzanne Morrissey
hcmag@holycross.edu

“...the more these fortuitous meetings seem to take place,” writes Peter F. Kranstover ’73, USAD/U.S. Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan. Kranstover (right) and Bob Lorinser, M.D., P10, chief medical officer at the embassy, posed for this photo in a small town at about 9,000 feet in the Nathia Gali mountains, where they were escaping the heat of Islamabad for a weekend. Bob (now stationed in Seoul, South Korea) and his wife, Peggy, are parents of Crusader ice hockey player Peter Lorinser ’10.

Have you been photographed in far-away places in your Holy Cross gear? We’d like to see those pictures! Send them to hcmag@holycross.edu.
Under sunny skies on August 25, Mount St. James was abuzz with activity and anticipation as the 767 members of the Class of 2016 arrived on campus.

In keeping with the College’s longstanding tradition, Move-In Day featured an enthusiastic crew of more than 250 student, alumni and Parents Council volunteers—as well as Holy Cross President Rev. Philip Boroughs, S.J.—who greeted first-year students and their families with cheers and then swarmed their vehicles to help them move into their residence halls.

“I was extremely shocked at first,” says Amber Alley ’16, of North Little Rock, Ark., of the reception she and her parents received when they drove up to Mulledy Hall. “But then I was relieved when I realized just how helpful they were.”

“The atmosphere was very energetic and cheerful,” adds Amber’s mother, Raeda. “And by the time the car was parked, all the stuff was in the room!”

“Our intention is to induct the new class into our caring community on day one,” explains Edwin Coolbaugh, assistant dean and director of residence life and housing. “The spirit of the volunteers is what makes the process such a success.”

After a busy day of hauling boxes, shaking hands and taking care of business, first-year students and their parents gathered for the formal start of the new academic year at the Mass of the Holy Spirit, celebrated by Fr. Boroughs, on the Hart Center Lawn. Following the Mass—and some emotional good-byes—parents left campus, and students began the Fall Gateways Orientation program.

“The best part of Move-In Day is that it shows incoming students and their parents the Holy Cross connection that they will have for the rest of their lives,” reflects three-time volunteer Ben Ticho ’68. —Rebecca Smith ’99
Clockwise from above:
Maria Rodriguez ’16 and her family from Waterbury, Conn., take a break atop her bed, newly dressed in (what else?) purple. Jenn Lee ’13 led a welcome cheer with dozens of student volunteers, including Sean MacKenzie ’15 (in sunglasses), Ryan O’Keefe ’14 and Vanessa Moscatello ’15. A record number of alumni volunteers lent a hand on Move-In Day as well. Lauren Tiilmont ’16 of Wilmette, Ill., unpacked bins while her little brothers made themselves comfy in her new Mulledy digs. Fr. Boroughs pitched in and greeted parents and students. Baseball teammates Nick Lovullo ’16 of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Shane Sandoval ’16 of Westerly, R.I., and Robert Indeglia ’16 of North Kingstown, R.I. (from left), were all smiles at the end of Move-In day.
CROSS NOTES

APRIL

Good Chemistry  Richard Herrick, Edward A. O’Rorke Professor in the Liberal Arts, was named the 2012 Distinguished Chemist by the New England Institute of Chemists.

JUNE

Grounds Professional Honored  After successfully completing the Professional Grounds Management Society’s Certified Grounds Manager program, Ted Heywood, the College’s superintendent of grounds, reached the distinguished status of Certified Grounds Manager.

HOLY CROSS HIRES 14 NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

In September, the Office of the Dean announced the hiring of 14 new faculty members—one endowed chair, 11 tenure-track positions and two postdoctoral teaching fellows—for the 2012-13 academic year. Their fields of expertise include hyperactivity disorder, cultural and cognitive response to social disruption, Chinese literature, American art, single photon emission tomography, marine biology and educational policymaking.

FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT)  
Alison Smith Mangiero, instructor, political science;  
Olga Partan, assistant professor, modern languages and literatures;  
Julia Paxson, assistant professor, biology;  
and Stephenie R. Chaudoir, assistant professor, psychology

SECOND ROW (FROM LEFT)  
Daina Harvey, instructor, sociology and anthropology;  
Patricia Johnston, Rev. J. Gerard Mears, S.J., Chair in Fine Arts, visual arts;  
Ji Hao, assistant professor, modern languages and literatures;  
and Elizabeth Landis, assistant professor, chemistry

THIRD ROW (FROM LEFT)  
K.J. Rawson, assistant professor, English;  
Jack Schneider, assistant professor, education;  
Andre Isaacs ’05, assistant professor, chemistry;  
and Justin McAlister, assistant professor, biology

BACK LEFT  
Marc Goodwin, postdoctoral teaching fellow, sociology and anthropology

NOT PICTURED  
Souleymane Konate, Bishop James A. Healy Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, mathematics and computer science

ONLINE ONLY  
Learn more about the new faculty “class” at http://www.holycross.edu/hcm/faculty12
“Holy Cross excels at developing graduates who are highly successful, happy and loyal,” says The Alumni Factor, the first college ranking platform to use objective alumni data in rating schools based on how successful their graduates are in their careers and lives. The Alumni Factor (alumnifactor.com) ranked Holy Cross No. 2 among liberal arts schools and fifth overall.

Based on surveys and interviews with more than 42,000 alumni from more than 450 schools, The Alumni Factor measured 15 different factors, including income, net worth, job opportunities, intellectual development and overall happiness.

Holy Cross is also one of only seven schools to rank in the top 30 of all of The Alumni Factor’s 26 attribute lists, including a first place ranking in Spiritual Development among liberal arts colleges. Holy Cross also ranked highly in College Experience (8th), Financial Success (9th), Friendship Development (12th), Preparation for Career Success (13th), Happiness (16th) and Value for the Money (26th).

“A powerful combination of graduate success, happiness and broad development puts Holy Cross among the country’s elite schools.” —The Alumni Factor

Holy Cross graduates “develop deep, lasting friendships with their classmates and have an extremely high regard for their college today,” the new guide says. The College’s “powerful combination of graduate success, happiness and broad development puts Holy Cross among the country’s elite schools.”

Other schools in The Alumni Factor top 10 are: Washington & Lee College (1st), Yale University (2nd), Princeton University (3rd), Rice University (4th), University of Notre Dame (6th), Middlebury College (7th), United States Naval Academy (8th), United States Military Academy (9th), and Stanford University (10th).

The College also ranked high on the annual PayScale.com list for graduates’ starting and mid-career salary. Holy Cross ranks No. 7 among liberal arts schools, and No. 21 overall. Starting median salaries among Holy Cross graduates with fewer than five years of experience averaged $44,300. The mid-career median was $107,000.

Holy Cross came in at No. 12 on PayScale’s “Schools for Sports Fans” list, which ranks schools that dominate in both athletic standings and post-graduate earnings. And in the 2012 PayScale College ROI (return on investment) Report, a ranking based on what students pay to attend college versus what they get back in lifetime earnings, Holy Cross was No. 40 out of 850 U.S. colleges for best tuition ROI. —Kristine Maloney

Summer Reading This summer, members of the Class of 2016 were asked to read Sarah Bakewell’s How to Live: Or A Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer. Class Dean Francisco Gago-Jover chose this book so that students would reflect on such questions as, “What personal path will you follow in your journey of academic exploration and self-discovery?” and, “How will you handle setbacks or detours in your plan of action?”
New Five-Year Model for Class Deans

The Dean’s Office has added an extra year to the class dean cycle. This expansion enables the dean of a current graduating class, interested in continuing to serve another four-year term as class dean, to wait one year before assuming responsibility for an incoming first-year class. During that interim year, the class dean will take on the role of the assistant dean.

Timothy Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, explains the reason for the change: “As the College seeks to mentor and guide our students in the Jesuit tradition of cura personalis, the class deans perform a pivotal role,” he says. “And nowhere is this truer than in a student’s first year, as she settles in on Mount St. James, and in her last, as she prepares for life after graduation. We need the class deans for those two years to be free to focus exclusively on one cohort of students—and if we are to draw on the valuable expertise of deans who are willing to take on back-to-back classes, this simply necessitates the introduction of the new model.”

Class deans are the first point of contact for students, guiding them through their academic programs and other issues they may encounter. The deans suggest and refer students for academic support, counseling or health-related needs, and work with students who require academic accommodations to support their progress. Keeping the lines of communication open among faculty, students and the dean’s office is a key responsibility for the deans.

During the fifth year, the assistant dean will be able to devote more time to scholarly work in addition to performing a variety of administrative tasks and preparing for the new incoming class. Ronald Jarret will assume the assistant dean position for the 2012-13 academic year, returning as class dean as of June 1, 2013, for the Class of 2017. The class deans for the 2012-13 academic year are Nancy Baldiga (2013), Esther Levine (2014), John Anderson (2015) and Francisco Gago-Jover (2016).

Get to know the class deans by visiting http://academics.holycross.edu/dean/classdeans

—Christine Gemme

Derek Zuckerman has joined the Office of Student Affairs as the new associate dean for student life. He succeeds Kristine Cyr Goodwin, who served as associate dean since 2001.

Zuckerman has extensive experience in student affairs and residential life, most recently as the assistant vice provost for residential life at Iona College in New York, where he was a member of the college’s strategic planning committee and served as chair of the North East Association of College and University Housing Officers’ financial strategy task force. Prior to Iona, he held positions at Quinnipiac and Bentley universities in student affairs and residential life, and, at both institutions, he also served as an adjunct professor of marketing and business.

“I am delighted to welcome Derek to the Holy Cross community,” says Jacqueline Peterson, vice president for student affairs and dean of students. “A product of Jesuit education himself, he comes to Holy Cross with a personal understanding of, and appreciation for, the College’s mission, as well as impressive expertise in the field of student affairs. I am confident that his vision and energy will greatly advance student life here at the College.”

Zuckerman earned his B.S. from LeMoyne College, his MBA from Bentley University and his Ph.D. in educational leadership from Fordham University. —Kristine Maloney

JULY

NSF Grant
Gareth Roberts, associate professor in the mathematics and computer science department, received a $124,036 grant from the National Science Foundation to study celestial mechanics over the next three years.

The Odyssey Begins
Now in its 16th year, Odyssey welcomed dozens of participants and their families to campus. The weeklong orientation program is open on a voluntary basis to all first-year ALANA and international students.
New Trustees

Six new Trustees joined the Board this summer. They are (from left):

Michael Greene ’84 is managing partner at AeroEquity Partners, where he manages the firm’s finance structure and investments. He has 19 years of private equity investment experience as a founding partner of UBS Capital LLC. Previously, he was a founding member of UBS AG’s leveraged finance group. Greene earned an MBA at Harvard Business School. He and his wife, Betsy Doyle Greene, live in New Canaan, Conn.; they have three children.

Rev. James G. Gartland, S.J., is rector of the Blessed Peter Faber Jesuit Community at Boston College, an international community of 70 Jesuits who are primarily engaged in theological reflection, scholarship and research. Previously, he served as president of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago. Fr. Gartland entered the Society of Jesus in 1983 and was ordained a priest in 1993. He earned a bachelor’s degree at Xavier University, master’s degrees in philosophy and religious education at Loyola University Chicago, and a master’s in divinity at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley.

Priscilla W. Lam ’12 is a clinical research coordinator at the Center for Neuro-Oncology at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. In 2011, she was a research assistant for The Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Psychology; she presented her abstract and poster on the structures of religious orientation at the 2012 conference of the Gerontological Society of America. As a student, Lam was the 2012 Commencement chair, head resident assistant and a leader in Chaplains’ Office activities. She resides in Brighton, Mass.

James F. Mooney III ’90 is partner and chairman of the trading operations committee for The Baupost Group, a private investment firm in Boston. Prior to joining Baupost in 2009, he worked for BankBoston and Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City. Mooney received his MBA from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University. He and his wife, Lisa Reed Mooney, live in Cambridge, Mass., with their two children.

Sue Power Curtin ’93 is a partner at Power Family Enterprises and the managing director and secretary of The Kenrose Kitchen Table Foundation, an enterprise named in honor of her parents, the late Julie Power and Dave Power ’53, who founded the global marketing information services firm J.D. Power & Associates at their kitchen table. The Kenrose Kitchen Table Foundation identifies and supports unconventional solutions to today’s problems and invests in innovations that bring breakthroughs in medical research. Curtin and her husband, Michael ’91, live in Westwood, Mass., with their two sons.

Robert F. Moriarty ’83 is general partner at Twin Oaks Partners, an investment management firm based in New Jersey. Prior to Twin Oaks, he was an associate attorney at Bourne Noll & Kenyon; previously, he worked at the Washington, D.C., law firm Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold. Moriarty received his JD from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. He and his wife, Lisa Grattan ’86, live in Summit, N.J., with their four children.
This fall, four faculty members attained the rank of professor. They are (from left):

David B. Damiano, of the mathematics and computer science department, received his Ph.D. from Brown University. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1984, he focuses his research on differential topology and geometry and applied mathematics; he is the author of undergraduate mathematics texts on linear algebra and multivariable calculus. Damiano has served as director of the College Honors Program, director of the First-Year Program and Speaker of the Faculty. Recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award in 2011 and an Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award in 2005, Damiano cites as the professional accomplishment of which he is most proud: “The many individual students that I have been fortunate to be able to mentor over the years.” An avid bicyclist, Damiano resides in Westborough, Mass.

Rev. William E. Stempsey, S.J., of the philosophy department, received his M.D. from the State University of New York at the Buffalo School of Medicine and his Ph.D. from Georgetown University. He was a resident in pathology at University Hospital in Boston before joining the Jesuits in 1982. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1996, he has expertise in the concepts of health and disease, clinical reasoning, religion in bioethics, and ethical issues in death and dying, organ transplantation and medical education. Fr. Stempsey serves on several ethics committees in Worcester and also regularly celebrates liturgies on campus and in a local parish. “I take greatest satisfaction in having integrated my scholarly work with my teaching and my priestly ministry, all in the name of the Jesuit mission,” he says. Fr. Stempsey is a resident of Worcester; he spends his free time fly fishing.

Joanne M. Pierce, of the religious studies department, received her Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1992, she specializes in medieval liturgy. President of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy, Pierce served as a member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Consultation in the United States from 1992-2007, and as a member of the editorial board for the publication of The Proceedings of the North American Academy of Liturgy from 1998-2008. She received an Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award in 2003. “I enjoy working with both my students and my faculty colleagues at Holy Cross,” says Pierce. “Their enthusiasm and commitment really sustains me as I negotiate the balance between teaching and research.” A science fiction buff, Pierce teaches a seminar on theological themes in science fiction. She lives in Shrewsbury, Mass.

Matthew B. Koss, of the physics department, received his Ph.D. from Tufts University. A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2000, he was the lead scientist on the Isothermal Dendritic Growth Experiment, which flew on the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1994, 1996 and 1997. His expertise in remotely controlled experiments on the space shuttle garnered him an invitation to testify before the U.S. House Committee on Science at a hearing on the Future of Human Space Flight. Koss’ research interests include dendritic solidification, the physics of baseball and the interaction between science and religion. “In my teaching, I enjoy most the thinking, reading and discussions involved in designing a course or in preparing for a class,” he explains. “It is the purest, most elemental engagement with the core or substance of that teaching.” Koss lives in Shrewsbury, Mass., with his wife, Betsy, and their daughter, Frederica.
Global Gathering  Thirty international programs were represented by Holy Cross students returning from abroad at this year’s Study Abroad Fair. “Students displayed slide shows, memorabilia and a whole lot of knowledge and enthusiasm,” explains Brittain Smith, study abroad program director. The event gave students contemplating studying abroad the opportunity to obtain firsthand information on the programs in which they are interested.

HC DELEGATION ATTENDS SOUTH AFRICAN SUMMIT

In July, nine members of the Holy Cross community attended a global leadership summit focused on social justice at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa: (First row, from left) Roobvia Bernadin ’15, Patricia Feraud ’15, Virginia Coakley, assistant chaplain; (Second row, from left) Jacqueline Peterson, vice president for student affairs and dean of students; Mary Conley, associate professor of history; Mark Legare ’14; Manny Mendoza ’14; Mable Millner, associate dean of students for diversity and inclusion and director of multicultural education; and Yulissa Nunez ’14. “It was interesting to hear from leaders in education and the political arena about the importance of preparing students to be transformational leaders,” notes Peterson. “There is a strong link between higher education and social justice, and the university system places significant emphasis on developing the minds, hearts and spirits of students to be change agents both within the country and globally.”

Campus Renovations

Student activity may have slowed down on The Hill this summer, but the physical plant crews were in full swing, upgrading and renovating facilities across campus. Here is a sampling of the repairs and remodels that took place on Mount St. James in July and August:

**Dinand Library** In the Main Reading Room, the carpet and window treatments were replaced, and electrical floor boxes were added.

**Alumni Hall** The stairs connecting the Alumni Hall bridge to the Chapel plaza were replaced, and the bridge was renovated.

**Hogan Campus Center** Renovations on the second floor created new space, adjacent to the Office of Student Involvement, where student clubs and organizations can meet and socialize.

**Hart Center Pool** Crews cleaned and regROUTed tile and replaced the ceiling.

SEPTEMBER
For about 120 Holy Cross students, summer offered a chance to do research alongside their professors as part of the Summer Research Program. In a variety of disciplines—the sciences, economics, theatre and classics among them—students engaged in graduate-level work. “The research conducted by our students is in many ways cutting edge in its content and method,” explains psychology Professor Daniel Bitran. “Members of our faculty engage students in their scholarly work. In many instances, the student’s fresh perspective is unencumbered by assumptions that a more seasoned researcher may harbor. The synergism between the established researcher’s wealth of information and wisdom with the student’s enthusiasm for the discovery process yields a mutually satisfying experience.”

—Maya Rock ’13

WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

HCM spoke with three of the scholarly teams about their work.

“SPONTANEOUS R-SYMMETRY BREAKING AT FINITE TEMPERATURE”
Ben Kain, assistant professor of physics, with Collin Manning ’13

WHAT THEY’RE RESEARCHING  “We studied a theory known as supersymmetry, one of the leading candidates for new particle physics that might be discovered in the next few years. Supersymmetry must come in the form of what is called a broken symmetry. An important indicator for breaking supersymmetry is known as R-symmetry,” Kain says. “Our interest was to investigate whether popular models of R-symmetry breaking predicted that the universe would end up in good, R-symmetry breaking regions. We did this by adding temperature corrections to the models and analyzing what happens as the temperature drops, the idea being that this models how the universe was very hot early on, but cooled due to expansion.”

THE FACULTY PERSPECTIVE  “Introducing students to the research environment and explaining to them exciting areas of physics that they would not hear about in the classroom I find very rewarding,” says Kain. “In my area of research, theoretical particle physics, it can be difficult to find research projects appropriate for undergraduates. Luckily I found a research project that avoids this pitfall and a talented student who can take part in it.”

“USING C. ELEGANS TO MODEL THE GLUCOSE STRESS RESPONSE: IMPLICATIONS FOR FERTILITY, MATING, AND INSULIN SIGNALING”
Michelle Mondoux, assistant professor of biology with Uyen Ho ’13, Mike Hoy ’14 and Marjorie Liggett ’13

WHAT THEY’RE RESEARCHING  “My laboratory uses the nematode worm Caenorhabditis elegans to model the glucose stress response. Nutrition (in general) and glucose intake (in particular) affect a variety of important processes such as...”

development, reproduction and life span in many organisms, including humans. The relationship between glucose and diseases such as Type 2 diabetes is clear, but the molecular and cellular events that result from exposure to excess glucose, or ‘glucose stress’ are unclear,” says Mondoux. “The worm is a good model for this work. Its insulin-signaling pathway is very similar to the human insulin-signaling pathway. Marjorie Liggett ’13 has explored the effects of glucose stress on males. Having found that glucose stress causes a reduction in male fertility, she is currently trying to understand which processes are affected. Her project is supported by a BD Corporation Summer Research Fellowship. Uyen Ho ’13 is exploring if all sugars are toxic. She is working with galactose, an isomer of glucose, and finds that, although there are similarities in the responses to glucose stress and galactose stress, different genetic backgrounds have different sensitivities to different sugars.”

**THE FACULTY PERSPECTIVE**  “Having students in the lab is absolutely essential to moving our research forward! Almost all of the data that my lab has collected since I came to Holy Cross in 2010 has been from experiments that were carried out by student researchers. The students ask great questions, help keep me up to date on the recent literature in the field and bring a wonderful spark and energy to the lab,” says Mondoux.

“**TRANSNATIONAL IKAT: ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELDWORK EXPLORATIONS**”

_Susan Rodgers, professor of sociology and anthropology, with Patricia Giglio ’14, Martha Walters ’14 and Hana Carey ’13_

Finally, we worked with our videos, photographs and field notes from Southeast Asia back here on campus,” says Rodgers.

**THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE**  “Working in my research team was great. With our different backgrounds (I’m an anthro major with an art history minor, Martha is a double major in anthro and environmental studies, and Tricia is a bio premed major, anthro minor) we all had different things to contribute, which enhanced the experience. I really enjoyed working so closely with a professor, especially in fieldwork in Asia. Not everyone gets that opportunity, and it really is invaluable for developing as a student independent from classes. I learned a lot about our research topic, but even more about how to do research and how to self-motivate academically,” says Carey, who now hopes to do more research in Bali.

**ONLINE ONLY**  See a gallery of images from the ikat research team’s expeditions in Asia: [magazine.holycross.edu](http://magazine.holycross.edu)
The Place Called Skull is a novel about the 2,700 Catholic clerics who suffered at the Dachau concentration camp, where at least a thousand of them died as prisoners of the Nazis during the Holocaust or “Shoah.”

What I find most valuable and engaging about this book is that it focuses on how intensely Catholic clergymen opposed the Nazis and their evil designs throughout Europe, and how they suffered to the point of risking their lives to protect their neighbors, Catholics and Jews. In the writings about that period of European history, one finds very little that focuses on their heroism during the Second World War. The numbers of those at Dachau alone are astounding, but there are records available of hundreds of clergymen in Germany alone who were seized, tortured, questioned and harassed by the Gestapo.

The Place Called Skull centers on the actual life of Karl Leisner (1915-1945), who is presented as Paul Reiser in the novel. Leisner was a seminarian who was ordained a deacon in 1939 by Clement von Galen, a bishop known as “The Lion of Münster,” for his strong opposition to the Nazis. Leisner was imprisoned by the Nazis because of his support of the Catholic Youth Movement in Germany against the policies of the Third Reich. Consequently, the young cleric, who was afflicted with tuberculosis, ended up in Dachau on Dec. 14, 1941.

The rest of Leisner’s life was a struggle to stay alive and be ordained a priest. Through the efforts of the Jesuit Otto Pies (1901-1960), a fellow prisoner among the clergymen from the 24 countries represented at Dachau, Leisner succeeded in doing so despite the hellish obstacles of life in the camp. He was ordained at Dachau on Dec. 17, 1944, by the French Bishop Gabriel Piguet, a fellow prisoner. The young priest was liberated from Dachau on May 4, 1945, and died the following August 12 of tuberculosis. He was beatified on June 23, 1996, by Pope John Paul II, and his feast day is celebrated on August 12.

Leisner’s story is woven into this fascinating account of what life was like for a conscientious Catholic in Nazi Germany. The Place Called Skull takes its title from St. Luke 23: 33-34, which refers to Calvary but, in the novel, focuses on Dachau as a Calvary for the Catholic clerics who suffered and died there.

The genius of Fr. O’Malley—who has penned many books and directed dozens of plays and musicals—is revealed in his writing. He is a craftsman of language. Of course the descriptions of the Nazis’ treatment of prisoners, just as the treatment of prisoners by any evil regime, is going to be disturbing to readers, but it is also enlightening in giving concrete examples based on the objective evidence that Fr. O’Malley has studied. When I did my research for my book, The Jesuits and the Third Reich, I was not free from being seriously affected by what I found in the inhumane treatment of these clerics. The Place Called Skull brings out the evil of the Nazis and the good of the dedicated clergy, which is ultimately uplifting for the reader.
**LEGENDS AND LORE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW AND THE HUDSON VALLEY**
*By Jonathan M. Kruk ’77  The History Press*

Inspired by Washington Irving’s *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, Kruk, a noted professional storyteller, tells tales about the other myths that lie hidden in the Hudson Valley region of New York, including the story of the White Lady of Raven Rock, the ghost of Major Andre and the headless Hessians.

**DEATH OF A VENTRiloquist**
*By Gibson Fay-LeBlanc ’96  University of North Texas Press*

Winner of the 2011 Vassar Miller Prize in Poetry, this debut collection includes poems laced with love, humor and tragedy, as well as a series of ventriloquist-themed poems that explore speaking in another’s voice. Read one of Fay-LeBlanc’s most popular poems, “How to Make Fatherhood Lyrical,” in this issue’s Web Exclusives at http://magazine.holycross.edu.

**DO YOUR DIVORCE RIGHT**
*By Andrew Horton and John David Kennedy ’73  Tower Publishing*

Written by two Maine judges with extensive family court experience, this guide offers readable straight talk for lawyers and the general public alike on how to achieve the best possible outcome from one of the most significant life-changing experiences an individual can face. The authors cover the process of working with an attorney and addressing emotional, financial and other aspects of the divorce process.

**THE ULTIMATE BASEBALL ROAD TRIP**
*By Kevin O’Connell and Josh Pahigian ’96  Globe Pequot Press*

This hefty read is the updated guide to every baseball fan’s dream road trip: visiting America’s 30 major-league ballparks. With elements of a travel log, atlas, history book and restaurant guide, *The Ultimate Baseball Road Trip* includes conversations between the authors that will have you laughing out loud, even as you are feeling a bit envious of the amazing trek they have documented here.

**PORTRAITS OF ONE HUNDRED CATHOLIC WOMEN OF MAINE**
*By Rev. Vincent A. Lapomarda, S.J., Associate Professor of History  The Edwin Mellen Press*

Fr. Lapomarda has previously gathered the stories of Italians who helped shape Maine and now offers this volume spotlighting Catholic women who did the same. The book’s first entry introduces the “patroness of the Jesuits,” Antoinette du Pons-Ribérac, who made the 1611 arrival of the Jesuits in the Pine Tree State possible. More contemporary entries include Patricia Pora, leader of Maine’s Hispanic ministry.

**ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST**
*By Rev. Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., ’81  Paulist Press*

In chapters including “Eucharistic Communion: Christ’s Abiding Presence” and “Leadership for Christ’s Body: Liturgy and Ministry,” Fr. Morrill offers an introduction to the paschal mystery with an ecumenical spirit that invites conversation—all with the hope his latest book will “serve in some small way the church’s great work of celebrating the Eucharist.”

— with Clare Dougherty ’12

“The meanings attached to ‘race’ across the globe are myriad, particularly as anti-Islamic discourse once again links race and religion. Yet scholars lack a common terminology to discuss this phenomenon. This article hopes to expand critical race theory and scholarship across national lines.”

— Assistant Professor of sociology and anthropology Melissa F. Weiner, from the article “Towards a Global Critical Race Theory,” in the journal Sociology Compass, Volume 6, Issue 4, April 2012

For this article, Weiner examined recent race-related scholarship to create 10 indicators that will give international researchers a unified terminology so that they can accurately determine whether, and the extent to which, various groups are subject to racialization. “This paper calls for a global broadening of a critical comparative dialogue of racial practices,” she explains. “Examining whether particular groups experience disadvantages in, for example, housing, health, education, employment, the criminal justice system, citizenship rights, stereotypes in the media and/or political discourse can help scholars determine whether racialization exists and suggest policies to alleviate racial inequality.”
A philosophical inquiry into what constitutes “humanity,” as viewed in relationship to metaphysical, religious, political, moral and aesthetic questions, and in terms of the impact of culture in shaping this understanding.

**Requirements**

Three short, critical reflection papers about Holy Cross-organized events related to the course. Three five-to-eight page papers, based on the class readings. (Students may also complete an academic journal of self-discovery for an optional grade.)

**Texts**

*Strength to Love*, by Martin Luther King Jr.; *Facing the Extreme: Moral Life in the Concentration Camps*, by Tzvetan Todorov; *Violence and the Sacred*, by René Girard; *To Have or To Be*, by Erich Fromm; *Albert Schweitzer’s Ethical Vision: A Sourcebook*, edited by Predrag Cicovacki.

**On the Day HCM Visited Class**

Overview of the life of Leo Tolstoy by Evan Piercey ’12 of South Salem, N.Y. Lecture/discussion on Chapters 1-3 of Tolstoy’s *The Kingdom of God Is Within You*, considering: Tolstoy’s views on the nature of man and society, derived from his understanding of the teachings of Jesus; his belief in the primacy of the individual over political hierarchical structures as the source of knowing how to live well; and his adherence to the principle of nonviolent resistance to evil—followed by reflection on the philosopher’s vision as it relates to this year’s political elections. Introduction of a weekly assignment based on *The Book of Awakening*, by Mark Nepo, designed to enable students to formulate their own life’s priorities.

**Professor Bio**

A graduate of the University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Professor Cicovacki earned his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Rochester in New York. He joined the Holy Cross faculty in 1991 and became a full professor in 2008. Specializing in the areas of ethics, problems of evil and violence, and the philosophy of war and peace, he focuses his research on the writings of Albert Schweitzer, Gandhi, Fyodor Dostoevsky and Immanuel Kant. Cicovacki is the author/editor of numerous publications, most recently, *The Restoration of Albert Schweitzer’s Ethical Vision and Dostoevsky and the Affirmation of Life*.

**Professor Quote**

Explaining that philosophical anthropology had not previously been established as a recognized discipline, Cicovacki notes that the idea for the course emerged after reflecting on the positive impact programs such as Montserrat and the Appalachian Service Project have on Holy Cross students: “I wanted to teach a course that would focus on the students’ lives, their search for their own humanity and the humanity of others,” he says. “To accomplish this, I expose them to various readings by exemplary human beings and authors who themselves struggled with the same issues. Students look at reality through others’ points of view and in the process discover for themselves what it means to pursue one’s own humanity, collectively and individually.”

**Student Quote**

Noting that the coursework challenges individual faith, fears, hopes and dreams, while providing a deeper understanding of what it means to be a human being and what prevents us from living in perfection, Maya Rock ’13, of Sparta, N.J., notes: “Currently we are reading Tolstoy’s *Kingdom of God*. From him, I have learned that looking from within, the inner core of the self and feeling God’s presence is the driving force of humankind to live a good life. When we reach that point, we are at peace with the conflicts surrounding us in society, but also at peace with our soul. … This course makes us think about our individual human lives in relation to others, and how all the small adjustments are significant to making a greater change overall in our lives.”
Following is a sample of events taking place on the Hill this winter. For a full listing with more details, visit the online Holy Cross Events Calendar at events.holycross.edu

NOVEMBER

ONGOING—Dec. 8
The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery presents “Create”: The second installment of an exhibition featuring work spanning 20 years by artists with disabilities in the San Francisco Bay area. Organized by Independent Curators International. For more information, visit http://offices.holycross.edu/cantorartgallery

1 Lecture: “A Good Man and a Great Man”: Mark K. Shriver ’86 shares stories about his father, Sargent Shriver, Peace Corps founder and architect of President Johnson’s “War on Poverty,” from his 2012 memoir, A Good Man. The program also includes a historical account of Sargent Shriver’s legacy, presented by Holy Cross professor of history, Rev. Anthony J. Kuzniewski, S.J. Hogan Campus Center Ballroom, 7:30 PM

1–3 & 8–10 Department of Theatre presents: Machinal, written by Sophie Treadwell, and directed by theatre Professor Edward Isser. Fenwick Theatre, 8 PM

3–4 President’s Council Weekend

4 Holy Cross Chapel Artists Series: Sylvie Mallet, organist, and Marie-Louise Langais, organist, Paris Conservatory. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 3 PM

5 Lecture on passivity of bystanders in genocide and mass killing, and generating active bystandership, by Ervin Staub, professor of psychology emeritus at the University of Massachusetts and author of the forthcoming book, The Roots of Goodness: Inclusive Caring, Moral Courage, Altruism Born of Suffering and Active Bystandership. Rehm Library, 4:30 PM

Kenneth Parker, associate professor of historical theology at Saint Louis (Mo.) University. Rehm Library, 4:30 PM


8 The Working Writers Series program presents: Joe Mackall, professor of English at Ashland (Ohio) University, nonfiction writer and author of Plain Secrets: An Outsider among the Amish. Reading in Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

9–10 Escape Retreat for First-year Students, offered by the Office of College Chaplains

11 Performance: The Holy Cross Chamber Singers will be joined by members of the period-instrument Arcadia Players for performances of Baroque vocal and instrumental music. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 5–6 PM

13 Deitchman Family Lectures on Religion and Modernity: “American Grace: How Religion Divides Us and Unites Us,” by Robert Putnam, the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, and co-author of American Grace. Rehm Library, 7:30 PM

13 Performance: The Holy Cross Chamber Players. Brooks Concert Hall, 8–9 PM


Sing in the Christmas season at the Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols, featuring the Holy Cross Choir and Chamber Singers. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 8 PM on Thursday, Dec. 6. Admission is free and open to the public.

16–18 Manresa Retreat for students, offered by the Office of College Chaplains

21–25 Thanksgiving recess

29–Dec. 2 The Alternate College Theatre presents: Psycho Beach Party, written by Charles Busch and directed by Javonee Cotton ’13. Fenwick Theatre, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 8 PM; Dec. 1 & 2, 2 PM

DECEMBER

3 Christmas Tree Lighting, O’Kane Porch, 5:30-7 PM

4 Winter Concert: Holy Cross Jazz Ensemble. Brooks Concert Hall, 8 PM

6 Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols (top right) Holy Cross Choir and Chamber Singers. St. Joseph Memorial Chapel, 8 PM

7 Concert: Gamelan Gita Sari Brooks Concert Hall, 8 PM

11–15 Final Examinations

31 Deadline for submitting nominations to the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame. For more information, visit goholycross.com/hallfame or see Page 84

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1 Deadline for submitting nominations for the 2013 Sanctae Crucis Awards. For more information, visit the Office of the Senior Vice President website at http://offices.holycross.edu/svp
Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., surrounded by student fans on his Inauguration Day. Clapping, cheering and clad in matching red shirts, students lined the Inauguration processional path from the Hogan Campus Center to the Hart Center.
REV. PHILIP L. BOROUGHGS, S.J., INAUGURATED AS 32ND PRESIDENT

Celebrations officially welcome new president

BY REBECCA SMITH ’99 AND KIMBERLY STALEY ’99
On Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., was installed as the College’s 32nd president in inauguration ceremonies at the Hart Recreation Center. Encompassing four days of events, the presidential inauguration celebrated the College’s proud Jesuit tradition and reflected the community’s enthusiastic support of its new leader.

During the inauguration Mass, held the morning of the installation ceremony, Fr. Boroughs was missioned to serve as president of Holy Cross by the Very Rev. Patrick J. Lee, S.J., provincial of Oregon, Fr. Boroughs’ home province. Together with the Very Rev. Myles N. Sheehan, S.J., provincial of New England, Fr. Lee implored the president:

“Do you accept this mission?”
With a simple yet steadfast “I will,” Fr. Boroughs affirmed his role in service to the College and the Church, and brought the celebratory crowd that filled St. Joseph Memorial Chapel to its feet with enthusiastic applause for the new president, on whom many hopes for the future lie.

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The celebration of Fr. Boroughs’ inauguration began with a reception for Worcester-area religious leaders, on Sept. 12, at Ciampi Hall, the College’s Jesuit residence (below).

At the event, Fr. Boroughs addressed the approximately 20 leaders of different faiths, the Jesuit community and senior leadership of the College, remarking on how honored he was by their presence at the opening of his inauguration festivities.

He also spoke of the commonality among the group—that they all serve God and minister to the men and women of Worcester, and in these troubled and complex times, it is important that they know each other and can rely on each other’s support.

The following day, Sept. 13, the College hosted a faculty symposium, titled “Imagining Teaching and Learning at a Jesuit, Liberal Arts College in the 21st Century.” Members of the College community—including administrators, faculty, staff and students—along with family, friends and colleagues of Fr. Boroughs, gathered in the Main Reading Room of Dinand Library to hear presentations by Robert Bellin, associate professor of biology, who represented the science faculty; Ericka J. Fisher ‘96, associate professor of education, who represented the social sciences faculty; and Jonathan D. Mulrooney, associate professor of English, who represented the humanities faculty.

At the invitation of Fr. Boroughs, guest respondents included Sister Janet Eisner, S.N.D., president of Emmanuel College (Boston); Nathan O. Hatch, president of Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, N.C.); and Daniel R. Porterfield, president of Franklin & Marshall College (Lancaster, Pa.).

Following opening remarks by Timothy R. Austin, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, and introductions by Fr. Boroughs and Thomas R. Gottschang, professor of economics and prior speaker of the faculty, the presenters and guest respondents shared their perspectives on the value of a Jesuit, liberal arts education today and proposed ideas as to how Holy Cross can prepare students for the challenges of tomorrow.

“It was a great honor to represent the faculty at the symposium and to share the podium with the three institution presidents [who] served as guest respondents,” says Bellin.

After the presentations, Amy R. Wolfson, associate dean for faculty development and professor of psychology, moderated a discussion among the panelists and invited questions from the audience. Attendees and panelists reconvened at the O’Neil Plaza in the Integrated Science Complex to continue the lively discussion over hors d’oeuvres and refreshments as the sun set on a beautiful evening.
“The symposium gave the community an opportunity to celebrate the liberal arts,” says Wolfson.

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The day of inauguration, Sept. 14, dawned clear and bright. It was a perfect late-summer morning in New England, and, under cloudless, blue skies and warming sun, hundreds assembled in the Chapel’s courtyard before filling its pews to celebrate the inauguration Mass—and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the patronal feast of the College.

“Beginning the day with the Eucharist was very meaningful to me,” says Fr. Boroughs. “As prayer and the sacraments are a central part of my life, to be able to enter this day with hundreds of colleagues, alumni, students and family members gathered in the Chapel was the perfect way to start.”

The dozens of College Jesuits, visiting Jesuits and four Worcester-area bishops in attendance all wore vestments or stoles of red, the color assigned to the feast by the Church—and a color seen throughout the day, in the signature inauguration banners and streamers displayed across campus, and on the inauguration T-shirts worn by students.

Led by students carrying purple, gold, red and white inauguration banners, the clergy, along with College Trustees, faculty members and Fr. Boroughs, proceeded to the altar. The late-morning sun streamed through the stained glass windows as a rousing choir, composed of students and alumni, raised their voices in song.

“It was a fantastic moment to hear the whole community singing along with the choir as the banners ushered in the procession,” recalls Paul Melley, assistant chaplain and director of liturgical music. “I felt it represented some of the best we can be: festively coming together from all walks of life and alongside many traditions, singing in celebration of our heritage, in anticipation, and looking with hope to the future.”

Many areas of the College community were represented at the Mass—staff members were greeters, students were liturgical ministers and Trustees presented the gifts to the altar.
Christopher Shugrue '13 leads the processional with the crucifix.
“The assistance of people from across the campus—with the guidance and energy of the Holy Spirit—created the environment in which so many people could celebrate and pray,” observes Paul Covino, associate chaplain and director of liturgy.

In his homily, Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J., vice president for mission and chair of the Presidential Inauguration Committee, reflected on the significance of holding the inauguration on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

“Phil, this beautiful and joyful celebration of the Eucharist is an occasion of prayer and thanksgiving for all of us... We are not gathered here simply to wish you well, though our good wishes for you are heartfelt and abundant. We are here in this chapel to give witness that you are accepting an important mission from the Society of Jesus—a mission [that] is part of your lifelong commitment to serve Jesus ‘under the banner of the Cross.’”

After Fr. Boroughs accepted his mission, Jacqueline Peterson, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, led the congregation in extending their hands and offering a blessing to the kneeling president:

“May he be a strong, loving and wise leader, having the courage to make hard decisions and the wisdom to change his mind. May he listen well, and laugh often. May he have vision and compassion, friendship and courage. May he know the support of all in this community: students, faculty, staff, Trustees and benefactors.”

“Receiving the blessing of the people of God is a humbling experience, but also a strengthening one for the work ahead,” reflected Fr. Boroughs.

Says Trustee Priscilla Lam ’12, “I thought the ceremony was breathtaking. Fr. Boroughs is very committed to Holy Cross and its students and faculty; he is going to lead the College in a wonderful direction.”

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After Mass, as participants wound their way through campus—landscaped with...
asters, mums and other late-summer blooms—they were treated to a medley of songs on bagpipes (in honor of Fr. Boroughs’ Scottish heritage), played on the Hogan Campus Center lawn by first-year students Anthony John ’16 and Jack Green ’16.

And that was just one of the many ways Holy Cross students welcomed their new president. On the evening of Saturday, Sept. 15, after the football game, they celebrated with music, dance and entertainment on the Kimball Quad.

“Student a cappella groups, bands, dance troupes and individual singers performed to resounding praise,” recaps Christopher Gillis ’14, student representative on the inauguration committee. “The event was a huge success.”

“Campus was really alive all week,” remarks Jenn DeLuca ’09, assistant director for student programs, who helped to coordinate the inauguration’s 500 student volunteers. “The student buzz was phenomenal.”

According to Kenneth Jordan ’13, who handed out programs at the faculty symposium, “Volunteering at the inauguration is what it means to live the mission. I couldn’t miss out on such a historic occasion for the College.”

“This was my opportunity to give back to the community that has helped me in so many ways,” explains volunteer Ariel Jimenez ’13, who directed visitors after the symposium and assisted guests at the Mass. “It’s my way of honoring our new president.”

After a luncheon in the Hogan Ballroom, amid a flurry of activity on the campus center’s fourth floor, more than 160 delegates, invited from colleges, universities and learned societies across the United States, donned academic robes in preparation for the procession to the Hart Recreation Center for the installation ceremony. As they adjusted their colorful cowls and stoles, the mood in the rooms and hallways was festive.

Patrick J. Coffey ’65, delegate from the Milwaukee School of Engineering, shared his excitement for the event:
“I loved it here. It was life-altering. I never need an excuse to come back, and today, I’m having the time of my life!”

Fellow delegate Suzanne M. Fantaroni, representing Emerson College in Boston, shared Coffey’s enthusiasm: “It is so exciting, and I am just so honored to be here.”

Led by the Holy Cross Goodtime Marching Band, the delegates, along with Trustees, faculty, honored guests and a smiling Fr. Boroughs, walked up the road to the Hart Center. College neighbors, parents, alumni, staff and administrators were on hand to view the procession, which was flanked by hundreds of clapping, cheering students—800 of whom were wearing red T-shirts that displayed “Holy Cross” and the inauguration’s signature ribbon logo on the front and a list of College presidents on the back.

“It’s really exciting,” said Mary Kate Gavin ’13, one of the myriad smiling faces in the sea of red. “This is the highlight of my senior year.”

“We’re here to show our support,” added Matt Boni ’15. “We want to show Fr. Boroughs that the student body is behind him.”

Fr. Boroughs was surprised and delighted by the student assemblage. “Their boisterous reception amazed and energized everyone on their way to the ceremony,” he says. “It was truly a unique experience.”

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After an invocation by Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, director of the Office of the College Chaplains, and Virginia Coakley, assistant chaplain...
and director of Protestant and ALANA (African-American, Latin American, Asian-American and Native American) ministries, P. Kevin Condron ’67, chair of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the more than 1,500 attendees at the Ceremony of Presidential Installation in the Hart Center.

After acknowledging that higher education in America today faces unprecedented challenges, such as escalating costs and questions about the value of investing in a college education, Condron went on to say that Holy Cross is fortunate to have a leader with the skill and talent to face the trials ahead.

“With Fr. Boroughs, we have a leader whose intimate knowledge of higher education—and specifically Jesuit higher education—profound faith and commitment to Ignatian spirituality, ability to communicate effectively to diverse audiences, and perspectives on today’s complex global issues will serve this College very, very well,” said Condron.

His remarks were followed by greetings from Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Murray; Worcester Mayor Joseph M. Petty; Anna Maria College President Jack P. Calareso; Fr. Lee; Fr. Sheehan; Patricia E. Kramer, associate professor of psychology and speaker of the faculty; Paul J. Misci ’13 and Kate J. Shea ’13, co-chairs of the Student Government Association; Kenneth McNickles, dining manager in the Jesuit residence; and Maureen E. Moran ’89, president of the Holy Cross Alumni Association.

The salutations were accentuated by musical selections, performed by the Holy Cross College Choir, under the direction of Christopher Shepard, and the Holy Cross Ceremonial Orchestra—which, on this day, comprised professional musicians, including faculty members Peter Sulski, of the music department, and John Little, of the mathematics department—under the direction of Eric Culver, lecturer in the music department, director of the Chamber Orchestra and Concert Manager.

“It was a great pleasure to be able to surround this important event with grand, dramatic music, tailor-made to Holy Cross,” says Culver.

Before John J. DeGioia, president of Georgetown University and friend and former colleague of Fr. Boroughs, delivered the inaugural address, Robert K. Cording, the James N. and Sarah L. O’Reilly Barrett Professor in Creative Writing and professor of English, read his poem, The Weeper. Selected by Fr. Boroughs for the Inauguration, the poem is written in honor of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. Cording explains it was “an attempt to make sense of that unhinging of the heart as it swings wide open in gratitude for the Creation.”

The poem was a fitting introduction to DeGioia’s speech, which emphasized the importance of a Jesuit, liberal arts education in these complex and uncertain times.

“Any university with the history and tradition of Holy Cross will have known challenging times before! When the sign over the door says ‘since 1843’ you can have some confidence in the resiliency of a community and of the devotion it
inspires in its members,” said DeGioia, adding, “There are three elements of the identity of this College that are a source of your strength: the commitment to the liberal arts, the community that you have forged and the spirituality that animates everything that happens here.”

After he was officially installed as president by Condron—and received a standing ovation from the crowd—Fr. Boroughs gave his presidential address, in which he echoed DeGioia’s remarks.

“This moment of intense challenge and turmoil, in many ways not all that different from those of the past, also offers us an opportunity to turn again to the virtues and practices which sustained this educational community over time,” he remarked.

Fr. Boroughs went on to emphasize that the Jesuit ideal of being “contemplatives in action”—“men and women who treasure silence and listening, weighing and discerning, noticing the stirrings of mind and heart in the midst of the needs of the world, and then responding passionately and generously”—will guide the College as it is forced to make difficult decisions.

Following the installation, a reception was held on the Hart Center lawn. The mood remained celebratory as members of the Holy Cross community reveled in the inauguration’s pomp and circumstance—and reflected on what lies ahead for the College.

“We are blessed to have Philip Boroughs, S.J., scholar, teacher, pastor, counselor, ecumenist, community-builder and friend, as our new president,” says Mary E. Hobgood, associate professor of religious studies. “The clarity and beauty of the day of his inauguration—indeed, of the entire inauguration week—heralded the joy and hopes of so many as he walks with us into the formidable challenges of the future.”

Concludes Fr. Boroughs, “The enthusiasm and commitment expressed in this inauguration ceremony give me hope that, together as a community, we will meet the future with generosity, intelligence and creativity.”

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The phrase “It takes a village” was uttered more than once in the months preceding the Inauguration of Fr. Boroughs.

In one of the last committee meetings before the big events, Fr. Boroughs thanked his team, and reminded them that “This is a human event.” Those words, meant to ease expectations of perfection, are ones he said he often shares with couples he is marrying. In the end, the events celebrating the President and the College ran smoothly—and an exciting new era of leadership and learning has begun.

BEHIND THE SCENES OF INAUGURATION

A glimpse of some pre-Inauguration preparations (clockwise from top left): Banners bearing the Inauguration logo fluttered on College Street and around the Hogan Courtyard. A violinist in the Holy Cross Ceremonial Orchestra prepares for the installation ceremony rehearsal. (The Orchestra and Choir performed pieces by Grainger, Brahams, Dyson, Sousa and Bach.) Reggie Able, Armstrong Lidonde, Pedro Regney and Joe LaPearle (from left) set the scene under the tent on the Hart lawn for the post-ceremony reception. Edward Delage ladles the finishing touches on the warm three-berry cobbler with vanilla bean whipped cream and raspberry coulis for the President’s inauguration dinner. Physical plant’s Fred Giovaninni, Ted Heywood and Richard Clark (from left) made sure the grounds were in seasonal bloom. Mike Sullivan took a brush to any areas that needed sprucing up. Fr. Boroughs and Trish Haylon planned out the seating chart, which Fr. Boroughs likened to planning a wedding reception. Dining Services and the serving staff prepared meals and set lush table settings for hundreds of guests during various Inauguration events. Francine Keyes and Kathy Trice (from left) in the Registrar’s office polished the mace and prepared the official citation for Fr. Boroughs. Sharon Matys in Graphic Arts designed all the coordinated programs, signage and invitations, which featured red, gold, white and purple streamers.
The Holy Cross Story

A college or university inauguration offers an institution a chance to celebrate its past and future, introduce its new leader and showcase all it has to offer its community of students, alumni and scholars. Such was the case for Holy Cross in mid-September, when hundreds of visitors from across the country and the world enjoyed a few days on the Hill as honored guests. Along with the noted beauty of the physical campus and the hospitality of the community, Holy Cross shared some of its history and lore with this special group.

The History of the College of the Holy Cross

From the beginning of his tenure as the second Bishop of Boston, Benedict Joseph Fenwick of the Society of Jesus longed to establish a Catholic College within the boundaries of his all-New England diocese. Catholics in great numbers, fleeing religious persecution and famine, and seeking economic opportunity, were pouring into the region. He recognized the need to educate them and to provide priests for his growing number of parishes as a major challenge of his episcopacy.

An alumnus of Georgetown College, Benedict Fenwick later served twice as president of his alma mater. As a Jesuit, his religious life had been marked with a certain academic mentality that prepared him well to undertake the establishment of a college. He was enterprising and courageous. And he knew that he could call upon the resources of his fellow Jesuits of the Maryland Province if and when he needed them to staff a school. The location in Worcester was fortunate. Other sites had been considered, but here, in 1836, Fr. James Fitton purchased 52 acres of land and began an academy for boys. The academy prospered but Fr. Fitton's pastoral responsibilities in Worcester, Rhode Island, and Connecticut left him neither time nor energy to manage a boarding school, and he gladly conveyed the property and buildings to Bishop Fenwick for his college. The Bishop's letters record his enthusiasm for the project as well as its location. “Next May I shall lay the foundation of a splendid College in Worcester…"

It is calculated to contain 100 boys and I shall take them for $125 per an. & supply them with everything but clothes. Will not this be a bold undertaking? Nevertheless I will try it. It will stand on a beautiful eminence & will command the view of the whole town of Worcester.”

He gave the College the name of his cathedral church, the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Rev. Thomas F. Mulledy, S.J., a former Provincial of the Maryland Province Jesuits and, like Bishop Fenwick, a former president of Georgetown, was assigned to take charge of this project. The cornerstone was put in place with great solemnity on June 21, 1843 and on the second day of November, with six students aged 9 to 19, the first classes were held. The College held its first Commencement in 1849, of which the valedictorian was James Healy, the son of a slave.

Within three years, the enrollment had increased to 100 students. In spite of very limited finances, the College was beginning to grow until in the summer of 1852 a catastrophic fire destroyed it. Were it not for the insistence of Bishop John B. Fitzpatrick, who had succeeded Bishop Fenwick, and the tireless labors of Rev. Anthony F. Ciampi, S.J., the fourth president, the Jesuits would have abandoned the project and returned to Georgetown. Funds were raised to rebuild the College, and in 1853, it opened for the second time.

Petitions to secure a charter for the College from the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were denied in 1847 for a variety of causes, including anti-Catholicism on the part of some legislators.

Nonetheless, the College conducted its business and awarded its diplomas. Validating their reputation for cleverness, the Jesuits at Holy Cross had each one of them signed by the President of Georgetown.

Finally, with the energetic support of Governor John A. Andrew, the charter was granted on March 24, 1865.

Today, with an enrollment of about 2,900 men and women from across the United States and abroad, offering academic concentrations in some 26 fields within a physical plant renowned for its beauty and sophistication, with a full-time faculty numbering 258 and library holdings in excess of 630,000, the College of the Holy Cross stands as one of the finest undergraduate, liberal arts colleges in our nation. Faithful to its Jesuit tradition and character, religion in both scholarship and practice plays an important part in the curriculum and daily life of the College. With an agreed upon mission to educate men and women for others, Holy Cross students are urged to measure their personal successes in life by what they have done to better the lives of others, especially those less fortunate than themselves.
The Story of the College's Seal

The inner shield contains an open book (symbol of learning) and a cross of gold (symbol of Christian faith). The Latin motto “In Hoc Signo Vinces” (in this sign you shall conquer) has been attributed to King Constantine the Great, Roman emperor noted for his tolerance of Christians. According to some historians, King Constantine had a dream or vision of a flaming cross in the sky with this inscription, on the day preceding his decisive victory over Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge (Oct. 28, 312). This victory led to his capturing Rome and convinced him of the importance of Christianity. The cross divides the lower part of the shield into quarters, which are alternately red and sable, the colors on the ancient shield of Worcester, England.

The upper part of the shield has in its center the emblem of the Society of Jesus, a blazing sun with the letters IHS, the first three letters of Jesus’ name in Greek. On either side is a martlet, reminiscent of those on the ancestral crest of Bishop Fenwick.

Why is Purple the School Color?
There are two theories of how the College of the Holy Cross chose purple as its official color. One suggests it was derived from the royal purple used by King Constantine the Great (born about 275 A.D., died in 337 A.D.) as displayed on his labarum (military standard) and on those of later Christian emperors of Rome.

The other version is attributed to Walter J. Connors, an 1887 graduate, and was printed in the October 1940 issue of the Alumnus. According to the account, there was a disagreement during the 1870s between Holy Cross students from Massachusetts and Connecticut concerning the school’s baseball uniform colors. Those from Massachusetts purportedly favored the crimson of Harvard, while those from Connecticut favored the deep blue of Yale. Legend has it that a fellow student with a sense of diplomacy resolved the dispute in the chemistry laboratory, where he mixed copper sulphate (blue) with iron oxide (red) to produce the color of deep purple.

Past Presidents

1843-45 Rev. Thomas F. Mulledy, S.J.
1845-48 Rev. James Ryder, S.J.
1848-51 Rev. John Early, S.J.
1851-54 Rev. Anthony F. Ciampi, S.J.
1854-57 Rev. Peter J. Blenkinsop, S.J.
1857-61 Rev. Anthony F. Ciampi, S.J.
1861-67 Rev. James Clark, S.J.
1867-69 Rev. Robert W. Brady, S.J.
1869-73 Rev. Anthony F. Ciampi, S.J.
1878-83 Rev. Edward D. Boone, S.J.
1883-87 Rev. Robert W. Brady, S.J.
1887-89 Rev. Samuel Cahill, S.J.
1889-93 Rev. Michael O’Kane, S.J.
1893-95 Rev. Edward A. McGurk, S.J.
1895-01 Rev. John F. Leh, S.J.
1901-06 Rev. Joseph F. Hanselman, S.J.
1906-11 Rev. Thomas E. Murphy, S.J.
1918-24 Rev. James J. Carlin, S.J.
1927-33 Rev. John M. Fox, S.J.
1933-39 Rev. Francis J. Dolan, S.J.
1945-48 Rev. William J. Healy, S.J.
1954-60 Rev. William A. Donaghy, S.J.
1960-70 Rev. Raymond J. Swords, S.J.
1998-00 Frank Vellaccio, Ph.D., acting president
2000-12 Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.
THE WORLD
AS GOD SEE S IT
THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL RETREATS
By Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J. • Illustrations by Laszlo Kubinyi
Two of the most important events in a Jesuit’s life are his first experience of the Spiritual Exercises, a 30-day silent retreat designed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, which he makes during his novitiate, and the second, another 30-day experience of the Spiritual Exercises that he makes many years later, preparing for Final Vows. In addition, every year he also makes an eight-day silent retreat to take time away from the rigorous demands of ministry, to deepen his personal relationship with God and to discern how God is calling him to live and serve in the year ahead.

Jesuits describe themselves as contemplatives in action, and in addition to daily prayer, attendance at the Eucharist and spiritual reading, retreats help them to deepen their inner lives and, with God’s help, to engage the needs of the world with greater commitment and generosity.

Retreats and spiritual direction are so central to Ignatian spirituality that they have become an important part of the ministry of Jesuits and Jesuit institutions. At Holy Cross, Jesuits and lay colleagues emphasize the importance of the inner life and making choices that reflect God’s hopes for us. We learn to integrate prayer and work through the Eucharist, presence in our lives. We also begin to see our world and its challenges and needs as God sees them.

Prayer, then, moves us to engage the world, while our service in the world helps us to see Christ laboring for and with God’s people, especially where there is suffering and injustice. The challenge of engaging the inequities of our world, as well as appreciating the beauty of the world, inevitably sends us back to prayer for renewed gratitude, hope and compassion.

Certainly one of the greatest blessings of my work at Holy Cross is hearing our students, faculty and alumni talk about their own retreat experiences and how pivotal these retreats have been in the life choices they made. A few months ago, a group of students talked to alums and donors about their post-graduation plans to enter the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, to attend graduate school and to join Teach for America, precisely because of their retreat experiences. On reunion weekend, an alum told me how confirming it was, many years ago, to consult with her Holy Cross retreat director about jitters regarding her upcoming marriage, and how her happy union of many years has since been blessed with three children. Recently, a faculty member described how a retreat significantly reoriented her understanding of her work on campus, showing her how God was moving her to explore new ways of relating to others and new areas for research.

With this in mind, you can imagine my excitement this semester when Ann Marie and Bill Teuber ’73 committed $3 million and an anonymous donor gave $5 million to begin construction of a Holy Cross contemplative center. The center will support retreat programs for students and help us expand our programs to serve more faculty, staff and alumni. While we still require another $4 million to fund construction costs, we have approval from the Board of Trustees to begin planning for this project. I believe that the importance of this work and its centrality to our mission will inspire others to contribute to our contemplative center.

These plans reflect the growing popularity of retreats on campus, which have increased from fewer than 400 participants four years ago to more than 600 this year. What follows are examples of the ways that retreats help to guide and enrich those who make them. With our new contemplative center, retreats will become one of the key opportunities and distinctions of a Holy Cross education.

Discovering Your True Self

Andrew DeVivo, Class of 2012, wanted to attend a top New England liberal arts college, and at Holy Cross he found a perfect match for his interests. Yet he had little knowledge of the College’s heritage.

“I had no idea what a Jesuit was when I came here,” he admitted, “and now it’s the important part for me. I’ve gone through somewhat of a transformation over the last four years.”

That transformation came about through self-examination and contemplation in the retreat program at Holy Cross.

“I came to see God as someone who was always with me, rather than someone who I talked to when I needed help,” he said. “It was a powerful and welcoming idea.”

By graduation, Andy’s path in life had changed. He had always focused on a future as a lawyer, with steps up the career ladder. But after his retreat experiences and extensive volunteer work, he began to see life as something truly meaningful.

“I learned to experience each moment for what it was—instead of letting it rush by me,” he said.

Andy, who received the 2012 Presidential Service Award for contributions to the College and the greater Worcester community and the 2012 Pedro Arrupe Medal for Outstanding Service, will spend the next two years with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Santiago, Chile.

“I see my life is a gift from God,” he said. “I need to give back to God for that gift. I can do that by giving back to the poor and helping the most destitute people in the world.”

For his classmate Colleen Melaugh ’12, Holy Cross was love at first sight.

“There was something I could sense about it,” she said. “The way students were holding doors, saying hi—there was a tangible sense of community and love.”
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Andrew DeVivo ’12
At Holy Cross, Colleen participated in retreats and spring break immersion programs in New Orleans, Worcester and Appalachia. During one summer, she had a foot in two worlds: in El Salvador as a volunteer and later as an intern at a leading financial institution.

In El Salvador, she stayed with a family in an impoverished slum. Once, while playing “rock, paper, scissors” with the children, she saw their mother smiling with gratitude and happiness.

“I realized that, although our backgrounds are so different, love transcends all of that,” she said. “And, that when you give back, you get more back than you ever give.”

During a subsequent retreat, Colleen was inspired by a quotation from St. Clare of Assisi: “Go forth without fear, for God who created you has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother.”

Reflecting on this, Colleen recalled suffering a concussion while playing basketball. The game went on without her. As she gazed into the stands, the sea of faces all turned away from her, toward the action on the court—except for her mother, who remained focused on her. Then she had a revelation.

“I learned that God, just as my mother, never takes an eye wind down and be yourself with God.”

Afterward, she was invited to be a leader on another El Salvador trip, where she explored the idea of “standing in solidarity with others and thinking of others’ needs, not just your own.”

Back at school, she studied for the LSAT to prepare for a career in law. She also took part in a Magis weekend retreat for students involved with campus ministry. With its focus on prayer and music, the retreat offered a space for contemplation and reflection just when she needed it most.

“It made me realize where my true passions lie,” said Cintia, who will volunteer with AmeriCorps this year. “I realized I had the support from my faith and from God, and that regardless of what I decided, it would be OK. I’m going to law school, but I want to volunteer first. It’s a different route to get there that is more meaningful. I can help others who are living in poverty and violence.”

Cintia is grateful for these experiences at Holy Cross. “Holy Cross is a really special place,” she said. “It allows you to meet others and to experience such spiritual growth. Retreats and immersion trips help you to slow down, to take time and just reflect. It just helps you figure out who you are and what you want to do.”

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Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84 Director of the Office of the College Chaplains

off me, even when it seems nobody else is paying attention,” Colleen said. “Through the guidance and reflections provided by the spiritual directors [at the retreat], I began realizing how God teaches us and reveals him/herself in seemingly simple moments of our own lives.”

A member of Alpha Sigma Nu and Phi Beta Kappa honorary societies, Colleen turned down a lucrative job offer from the JPMorgan Chase company to work in Ecuador with Rostro de Cristo, a volunteer and retreat program.

“It will be a fruitful and informative experience that will help me to develop my career, whatever it will be,” she said. “I have found a greater understanding of myself. I have learned what a vocation really means, and the way our unique skills and abilities can serve the needs of the world.”

A Salvadoran-American, Cintia Garcia ’12 took a Holy Cross immersion trip to her parents’ homeland one summer, saying, “It was honestly a pilgrimage. I experienced so much growth.”

She also attended the Spiritual Exercises at the end of her junior year, looking forward to the peace and quiet. “It’s five days with your own thoughts,” she said. “You can

The Essential Holy Cross

According to Marybeth Kearns-Barrett ’84, director of the Office of the College Chaplains, retreats are essential to the Holy Cross experience.

“The kind of education we are trying to offer requires a level of thought and reflection that can’t happen without slowing down occasionally,” Kearns-Barrett said. “Critical thinking and integration of our experiences require time to be still.”

The college years are a unique time of life when people are called upon to grow and to discern their life paths. Through retreats and other kinds of guidance, Kearns-Barrett helps students to an understanding of their calling.

How does one find a calling? “When feeling joy, we are often feeling most ourselves; when feeling anxiety, we are often feeling least ourselves,” she explained. “Taking the time to recognize these feelings and to discern what is happening within ourselves is essential to answering the important questions of life, including what career or what life partner to choose.”
The new contemplative center will offer more opportunities to explore life's questions, encouraging retreat participants to discover spiritual truths.

“If you can ground yourself in God’s love, you don’t have to keep proving yourself to others and to yourself,” Kearns-Barrett said. “It also often means that people begin to ask how they can use their gifts and talents in the service of others. We learn that, even though we are all broken and imperfect, we are all loved unconditionally, which leads to a desire to share that love.”

**A History to Build On**

According to Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J., vice president for mission, up until the mid-1960s, Holy Cross held an annual retreat for the whole student body, which lasted for the better part of three days. Students assembled in the chapel to hear two or three talks daily from a Jesuit; otherwise, general silence reigned. This tradition seems to have ended at about the same time as compulsory daily Mass and dress requirements.

Yet student retreats continued in a variety of forms. By the 1970s, Rev. Joseph LaBran, S.J., ’38 was organizing five-day Spiritual Exercises at a retreat house in Narragansett owned by the Diocese of Providence, R.I.

“It was a beautiful piece of property with a large old mansion and a retreat wing,” said Fr. Harman. “You could walk across the road to sit on mammoth rocks along the ocean. Retreats at this facility became a popular tradition that grew quickly, with a waiting list of students who wanted to go.” Unfortunately, the location later became unavailable. In more recent times, Campion Center in Weston, Mass., has served as the setting for the Spiritual Exercises.

“For Jesuits, everything we do comes out of our experience over many years of making the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius a way of entering the Gospel story and forming a more personal relationship with Jesus and renewing in ourselves the life of the Spirit in a very personal way,” said Fr. Harman. “Introducing our students to the Exercises is something the Jesuits want very much to do, and not just students, but faculty, staff and alumni. That would be our hope.”

**Finding a Calling**

As associate chaplain and director of retreats in the Office of the College Chaplains, Megan Fox-Kelly ’99 draws on her experience of the power of retreats in her daily work.

“I can say without reservation that my participation in the Spiritual Exercises in the fall of my sophomore year radically changed the direction of my life. I grew to have a greater understanding of myself, of my relationship with God and what I was called to do in and for the world.”

Now she oversees others’ transformative moments, saying, “It’s a real privilege to witness these retreats.” A retreat, which is a departure from one’s routine, is harder to pull off after graduation, Fox-Kelly said, which underlines the importance of retreat opportunities during one’s college years.

“To have our own [retreat] space is truly significant,” she added. “It says a lot about what Holy Cross believes in and values.”

Various kinds of retreats meet different goals and needs, she explained, including the 24-hour Escape Retreat for first-year students, the 48-hour Manresa Retreat and the five-day Spiritual Exercises. There are special retreats for program directors of Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD), the Magis Program for student ministry leaders and the Take Five Retreat, a five-hour experience for teams and other groups seeking community building.

In every case, retreats are open to people from all faith traditions.

“A Muslim and a Buddhist student attended the Spiritual Exercises in March,” Fox-Kelly said. “Each student felt they walked away strengthened in the faith of their own tradition.”

Participants find they can finally pay attention to their deepest desires and learn what excites them, what they love and what they excel at. “They can discover this for themselves in that place of quiet and peace,” Fox-Kelly said.
View from the Mountaintop

Charles S. “Chick” Weiss, associate professor of psychology and director of the Office of Grants and Corporate and Foundation Giving, has worked at Holy Cross for 37 years. Yet he discovered a “fuller understanding of institutional mission while standing with my colleagues on a mountaintop in northeastern Spain during a pilgrimage,” he wrote in a 2009 issue of Liberal Education. That mountaintop was Montserrat in Spain (below), which figures highly in the journey of Jesuit founder St. Ignatius.

In recognition of changing times and fewer Jesuit professors on the faculty, Holy Cross had begun to explore how to strengthen and preserve the Jesuit identity of the College. To accomplish this goal, Weiss helped to secure a grant that funded a guided travel and study pilgrimage for lay faculty at Holy Cross and other Jesuit colleges and universities across the country. Starting with three half-day seminars on campus that focused on Ignatius and the early Jesuits, the pilgrimage continued with a 10-day trip to Spain and Rome to see important sites in the life of Ignatius.

The experience aimed to provide a deeper understanding of Jesuit values and to inspire the development of relevant courses and to enhance existing ones. Like all retreats, it also had a deeper purpose. Weiss and others returned from the trip “profoundly changed, with new respect for what can emerge from intentional work to sustain institutional mission,” he said. “In a place of quiet, a place of nature, a retreat sets the stage for something important to happen.”

Weiss made this Ignatian pilgrimage with some reservations. “I am a Jew, and despite having been part of this project’s origins and planning, the thought that I was embarking on a Catholic pilgrimage was a bit disconcerting,” he said.

However, he returned from the experience a changed man. The beauty of the setting; the message from then-President Rev. Michael McFarland, S.J., in his homily at Mass; and the time to reflect, all inspired thoughts about life’s purpose and meaning.

“I was overcome with existential questions I could not ignore,” Weiss recalled, including an examination of his value as a teacher, husband, father and human being. “Knowing our group of pilgrims, I think it’s fair to say that each of us, regardless of religion, academic discipline, age or any other dimension, benefited far beyond what the proposal had promised. In my own case, I got all that I expected and so much more.”

With others who were equally moved, he returned to Holy Cross having helped to name the new Montserrat Program for first-year students, which offers an introduction to life and learning at Holy Cross, including critical inquiry and consideration of deep questions about meaning, value and ethics.

Recollection and Renewal

Margaret Freije, associate dean of the College and associate professor of mathematics, called her experiences during and after a spiritual retreat as “opening the eyes and ears of my heart.”
Having spent nearly a year in study and conversation about Jesuit and Catholic higher education, Ignatian pedagogy and spirituality and more, she took part in a five-day silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises. Freije had hit a low point that included recovery from a painful operation and difficult experiences that had left her feeling lost and angry. Yet, the process of the retreat brought her to a renewed understanding of her life.

“In the retreat, first of all, you retreat,” she said. “You try to leave behind the business and busyness of your life. This is to try to open a space for you to hear or be attentive to the presence of God. Through prayer, scripture, conversation with the [retreat] director, you are trying to allow God to speak to you. All of this was part of my retreat experience, all of this was important to getting me to a place where I could be open to God.”

During the retreat, she recalled “a powerful memory of a particular moment when I had been cared for by a colleague at Holy Cross,” she said. “And through this memory, I remembered the many ways I had been loved, the particular ways I had been cared for, by family and friends, students and colleagues.”

These memories helped her to feel whole again, she said, “head and heart, mind and soul.” With a deep sense of God’s love for her and others, she found new meaning and purpose.

A Commitment to Peace, Prayer and Contemplation

Holy Cross has long emphasized the importance of contemplation and prayer in campus life. In a world hungry for time to think, for the space to be one’s authentic self, for the chance to ponder deeper questions and for the opportunity to understand God’s plan for us, a retreat offers a path to greater peace and freedom in our lives.

I am deeply moved to see the beginnings of a Holy Cross contemplative center come to pass during my first year at the College. We have always enjoyed a strong Catholic and Jesuit commitment to prayer. Now we will have a place of our own to make this a unique Holy Cross experience.

I look forward to the days ahead as we broaden and deepen retreat opportunities for students, faculty, staff and alumni. I hope you will join me in celebrating and perhaps participating in this new era at Holy Cross. 

Ad maiorem dei gloriam. ■
“One of the greatest blessings of my work at Holy Cross is hearing our students, faculty and alumni talk about their own retreat experiences and how pivotal these retreats have been in the life choices they made.”

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J.
President

Mission Statement

The College of the Holy Cross is, by tradition and choice, a Jesuit liberal arts college serving the Catholic community, American society and the wider world. To participate in the life of Holy Cross is to accept an invitation to join in dialogue about basic human questions: What is the moral character of learning and teaching? How do we find meaning in life and history? What are our obligations to one another? What is our special responsibility to the world’s poor and powerless?

As a liberal arts college, Holy Cross pursues excellence in teaching, learning and research. All who share its life are challenged to be open to new ideas, to be patient with ambiguity and uncertainty, to combine a passion for truth with respect for the views of others. Informed by the presence of diverse interpretations of the human experience, Holy Cross seeks to build a community marked by freedom, mutual respect and civility. Because the search for meaning and value is at the heart of the intellectual life, critical examination of fundamental religious and philosophical questions is integral to liberal arts education. Dialogue about these questions among people from diverse academic disciplines and religious traditions requires everyone to acknowledge and respect differences. Dialogue also requires us to remain open to that sense of the whole which calls us to transcend ourselves and challenges us to seek that which might constitute our common humanity.

The faculty and staff of Holy Cross, now primarily lay and religiously and culturally diverse, also affirm the mission of Holy Cross as a Jesuit college. As such, Holy Cross seeks to exemplify the longstanding dedication of the Society of Jesus to the intellectual life and its commitment to the service of faith and promotion of justice. The College is dedicated to forming a community which supports the intellectual growth of all its members while offering them opportunities for spiritual and moral development. In a special way, the College must enable all who choose to do so to encounter the intellectual heritage of Catholicism, to form an active worshipping community and to become engaged in the life and work of the contemporary church.

Since 1843, Holy Cross has sought to educate students who, as leaders in business, professional and civic life, would live by the highest intellectual and ethical standards. In service of this ideal, Holy Cross endeavors to create an environment in which integrated learning is a shared responsibility, pursued in classroom and laboratory, studio and theater, residence and chapel. Shared responsibility for the life and governance of the College should lead all its members to make the best of their own talents, to work together, to be sensitive to one another, to serve others and to seek justice within and beyond the Holy Cross community.

The Importance of Spiritual Retreats
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ACADEMICS

A record 103 Holy Cross students spent their summer on campus working closely with faculty members on cutting-edge research across a range of disciplines, including the sciences (73), the humanities and social sciences (22) and economics (8).

At its 166th Commencement, the College conferred degrees on 691 graduates before an estimated 6,000 people at Fitton Field.

Paul Farmer, founding director of Partners in Health, delivered the 2012 Commencement address and received an honorary degree; Mark Weyland ’12, an art history major in the College Honors Program, gave the valedictory address.

Also at Commencement, Holy Cross bestowed honorary degrees on Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., the College’s 31st president; Lisa Sowle Cahill, the J. Donald Monan Professor of Theology at Boston College; and Sherry Turkle, the Abby Rockefeller Mauzé Professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology in the Program in Science, Technology and Society at MIT.

The 18th annual Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium and the third annual Summer Internship Program Poster Session featured presentations by 103 student researchers and 157 student interns, respectively.

The annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarship recognized the College faculty for publishing 24 books, 74 chapters or journal articles, 41 reviews and seven abstracts, and for participating in 19 exhibits, productions and performances.


Finance Boot Camp was one of several new programs offered through the Ciocca Office of Entrepreneurial Studies. Covering all major areas of finance, the four-day program provided students with a broad understanding of the Wall Street environment.

Holy Cross offered its first “study tour”—a one-week supplementary trip abroad to enrich the content of an on-campus course—to Buenos Aires as part of a Latin American cinema course.

Holy Cross hired 17 new faculty members—14 in tenure-track positions and three as postdoctoral teaching fellows.

ADMINISTRATION & STAFF


In January, Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., assumed office as the 32nd president of Holy Cross.

Appointed the College’s new vice president for development and alumni relations, Tracy Barlok oversees all aspects of the College’s fundraising efforts as well as donor and alumni relations.

John P. Fotter, Cathi M. Gallant, Jennifer A. Gilmore, Ana M. Herrera and Charles A. Krikorian received the 2011 Claire B. Burns Awards, presented to non-exempt employees who demonstrate, foster and promote the spirit of family at Holy Cross.

Longtime Holy Cross housekeeper Margaret Quinn received the Rev. William J. O’Halloran, S.J. Award for non-exempt employees.

The College welcomed Patricia Ring as its new registrar.

Amy Murphy, director of career planning at the College, was named to the Worcester Business Journal’s 2011 40 Under Forty list.

ADMISSIONS

Selected from 7,228 applicants, the Class of 2016 is composed of 763 students, with 51 percent male, 49 percent female and 22 percent African-American, Latin American, Asian-American and Native American (ALANA) students, representing 34 states (plus Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico) and four countries.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

In October, after a football victory over Dartmouth College, members of President’s Council gathered in Kimball Hall for the annual black-tie dinner, which celebrated Fr. McFarland’s 12 years of leadership at Holy Cross.
A $500,000 gift from Anthony M. Marlon, M.D., ’63—a decades-long supporter of the sciences at the College—put the ever-growing Holy Cross Summer Research Program on a path toward full endowment.

The anonymous challenge gift of $1 million was secured as alumni giving reached 55.2 percent, with a record 17,227 gifts totaling $8,104,517, placing Holy Cross among the top 10 colleges and universities in the country for alumni participation.

Francis M. Carroll ’60, John F. Castellano ’71, Marian F. Earls, M.D., ’76, James E. Mulvihill, D.M.D., ’62, Richard J. Santen, M.D., ’61 and Lisa M. Taylor ’96 received the Sanctae Crucis Award, the highest non-degree recognition bestowed by the College.

Eleven recent graduates were awarded Fulbright grants to study, teach or conduct research abroad—a record number in a single year for the College. With 54 awards since 2003, Holy Cross is among the nation’s top producers of Fulbright students.

The Holy Cross Alumni Association presented the In Hoc Signo Award, its highest honor, to Gregory H. Cahill ’81, John R. Hayes Jr. ’91 and Kathleen Troidle Jackson ’83, in recognition of their service to alma mater.

Twenty-eight classes gave at a rate of at least 60 percent, and young alumni (graduates in the past 10 years) gave at an extraordinary rate of 50.2 percent. Several reunion classes set new highs for participation and giving.

At its annual dinner, the Holy Cross Leadership Council of New York honored Stanley Grayson ’72, former deputy mayor of New York City and current vice chairman and COO of M.R. Beal & Co., for his loyal support of Holy Cross and his leadership in NYC.

James ’90 and Lisa Mooney made a gift of $1 million to fund scholarships that will help families meet the cost of a four-year education at Holy Cross.

A record-breaking number of regional club events (150) were held, and in March, more than 400 service-minded alumni volunteered at 17 sites across the United States for the Second Annual National Holy Cross Cares Day.

ATHLETICS

Steven Zychowski ’13 took top individual honors for the first time in his career at the 77th annual New England Intercollegiate Golf Association Championship and led the Holy Cross team to a fourth-place finish.

For the first time, the football team kicked off its season with a nighttime home opener against the UMass Amherst Minutemen, and for the seventh straight season, the Crusaders finished with a winning record (6-5).

Thanks to a strong defensive effort, the men’s ice hockey team upset Boston University on the Terriers’ home ice, with a 5-4 win—a first over BU and a first over a ranked team since the 2006 NCAA tournament.

Led by Devin Brown ’12, who scored a season-high 32 points, the men’s basketball team defeated rival Boston College with an 86-64 win at Worcester’s DCU Center.

In March, the women’s basketball team advanced to the 2012 Patriot League Championship game against Navy, and took part in the Women’s Basketball Invitational, playing against New Hampshire at the Hart Center.

In December, Bill Gibbons, head coach of the women’s basketball
team, earned his 500th career victory with a 61-50 win over New Hampshire.

Women’s ice hockey team captain Stacey Hochkins ’12 was named the 2011-2012 Crusader of the Year. A three-time selection to the ECAC East All-Academic team, Hochkins set Holy Cross records in all six major offensive categories, including goals (103), assists (86) and points (189).

The women’s lacrosse team advanced to its fifth Patriot League Championship game, and captain Maddie Carrellas ’13, captain Catherine Furman ’12 and Caitie Shea ’12 were named to the Patriot League All-Tournament team.

With a program-best 33 wins and a team-best 13 Patriot League wins, the baseball team advanced to the Patriot League Championship game, and Michael Ahmed ’14, Brandon Cipolla ’14 and Jordan Enos ’13 earned Patriot League All-Tournament team honors.

With 17 varsity athletic teams receiving Division I Academic Progress Rate Public Recognition Awards from the NCAA, Holy Cross tied for the fourth-most awards in the nation.

**CAMPUS**

Holy Cross, along with Clark University and WPI, partnered with National Grid and GreenerU to establish “SynergE Worcester,” an initiative aimed at reducing energy use and enhancing existing sustainability programs.

▲ Following major excavation, construction and replanting, the Hogan landscaping project was completed. A significant component of the Campus Master Plan, this new green space (nicknamed “The Hoval” by students) features a sweeping lawn, curvilinear walkways and a granite and brick seating wall.

The Integrated Science Complex earned the American Institute of Architects (AIA) New England Honor Award for Design Excellence. It was one of only five chosen for this honor, out of 184 submissions.

Figge Hall, the College’s newest residence hall, earned Holy Cross its second LEED Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

Stein Hall’s coffee kiosk was replaced with a café—CB2—offering ample seating and an expanded menu.

Fenwick Hall underwent renovations, including the restoration of the Commencement Porch at the front of the building.

**COMMUNITY**

In his first month in office, Fr. Boroughs was introduced to many Worcester community leaders, including the city manager, mayor and superintendent. He also met with several alumni leaders who serve in Congress at a reception in Washington, D.C., that celebrated the publication of *Fraternity*, the story of the efforts of the late Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., to recruit African-American students to campus in the late 1960s.

At a trick-or-treat event sponsored by Student Ambassadors Developing External Relations (SADER), families from local neighborhoods enjoyed refreshments and filled their candy bags at participating College Hill neighborhood homes and on-campus residence halls.

Sponsored by Holy Cross’ Cures for Kids, in conjunction with Sherry’s House, a Worcester-based organization providing support to children and families battling childhood cancer, the Holy Cross baseball team hosted Pediatric Cancer Awareness Day at Fitton Field.

In March, more than 250 students, faculty and staff participated in the 15th annual Holy Cross Cares Day, performing a variety of service-oriented activities, including painting, raking and picking up trash at schools, churches and parks throughout Worcester.

Organized by the Holy Cross Science Ambassadors, the College hosted its 14th “Hogwarts at Holy Cross,” a program designed for Worcester-area children, featuring hands-on chemistry experiments and interactive presentations by Holy Cross faculty and staff.

The women’s basketball program held its first “Get Fit with the Crusaders Day.” Nine Worcester public schools and more than 1,000 students participated in the event, which focused on health, nutrition and physical fitness.

Holy Cross hosted a free tree giveaway in partnership with the Worcester Tree Initiative, a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring the region’s urban trees that have been lost to insects and other forces.
▲ Funded through a partnership between the College and the city of Worcester, Library Express, the city’s new state-of-the-art mobile library, was named by four Worcester Public Schools students. Held at Holy Cross, its May 1 unveiling was attended by city and state leaders and covered by the local media.

FACULTY

Susan Crawford Sullivan, assistant professor of sociology and an Edward Bennett Williams Fellow, was awarded the 2012 American Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Distinguished Book Award for her work, *Living Faith: Everyday Religion and Mothers in Poverty*.

Associate Professor Cristina M. Ballantine, of the mathematics and computer science department, received the Mary Louise Marfuggi Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship for her recent contributions to her field, including three published papers and a presentation at an international conference in Iceland.

Two faculty members traveled abroad to connect with international colleagues: Patricia L. Bizzell, the Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J. Chair in the Humanities and professor of English, taught two courses at Sogang University, in Seoul, South Korea, and Danuta Bukatko, the Joseph H. Maguire ’58 Professor in Education, chair of the education department and professor of psychology taught at Universitas Sanata Dharma in Indonesia.

Two Holy Cross professors were awarded Fulbright grants to teach and conduct research abroad: Assistant Professor Jennie Germann Molz, of the sociology department, and Professor Predrag Cicovacki, member of the philosophy department and director of Peace and Conflict Studies.

*Sugata Saurabha: An Epic Poem from Nepal on the Life of the Buddha* by Chittadhar Hridaya, co-authored by Todd T. Lewis, professor of religious studies, earned a second international award: the Khyentse Foundation Prize for an Outstanding Translation.

Professor and Chair Claudia Ross and Associate Professor Baozhang He, of the modern languages and literatures department, received a $100,000 grant from STARTALK 2012, a federally funded initiative to expand the resources available to Chinese language teachers across the United States.

In recognition of their dedication to scholarship and classroom excellence, five Holy Cross professors received tenure: Debra J. O’Connor, economics; Gregory J. DiGirolamo, psychology; Mary M. Doyle Roche ’90, Edward Bennett Williams Fellow, religious studies; Melissa A. Boyle ’00, economics; and Sarah A. Petty, chemistry.

David B. Damiano, associate professor of mathematics, received the College’s Distinguished Teaching Award, which is bestowed on a faculty member who has demonstrated commitment to making ideas come alive for students both in and out of the classroom.

▲ Four College faculty members were promoted to the rank of professor: David B. Damiano, mathematics; Matthew B. Koss, physics; Joanne M. Pierce, religious studies; and Rev. William E. Stempsey, S.J., philosophy. For 25 years or more of service to the College, nine faculty members received the Raymond J. Swords, S.J. Faculty Medal: John T. Anderson, Charles H. Anderton, Lorraine C. Attreed, Mark Freeman, Margaret N. Freije, Ronald M. Jarret, Joseph P. Lawrence, S. Elizabeth Sweeney and Karen L. Turner.

Under the directorship of visiting fellow in Balinese performing arts, Ni Suasthi Bandem, Holy Cross’ student and faculty Balinese gamelan orchestra, Gamelan Gita Sari, presented a performance of Balinese music and dance before a full house in the Brooks Concert Hall. Holy Cross’ own gamelan was custom-made in Bali.
MEDIA

For a Boston Globe feature story, Margaret N. Freije, associate dean of the College, Esther L. Levine, dean of the class of 2014, and Natalya Krykova ’14 discussed why sophomore year is a critical time for colleges to offer programs aimed at academic and career planning.


Holy Cross faculty members shared their expertise with a number of media outlets, including economics Associate Professor Victor A. Matheson, with such outlets as Bloomberg Businessweek and NPR, and Associate Professor of religious studies Mathew N. Schmalz, with outlets that included The Washington Post and ABCNews.com.

In his last television interview—which was conducted in April and aired in July—Fr. Brooks spoke with Today Show correspondent Craig Melvin about the young African-American men he befriended and recruited and who are featured in Brady’s book.

The College shared its admissions process with FOX25 News, giving the Boston-based news station exclusive access to its admissions committee to see how a student earns a much-sought-after spot at Holy Cross.

FAITH, SERVICE & JUSTICE

Three College chaplains have begun a program of residence hall ministry, with Chaplains Megan Fox-Kelly ’99 and Marty Kelly, along with their children, living in Mulledy Hall, and Rev. James Hayes, S.J., ’72 residing in Hanselman Hall.

Forty-eight members of the Class of 2012 committed to a year or more of service through such programs as the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Nativity Fellows and Teach for America.

A total of 584 students participated in a retreat, including 133 students on the one-night, first-year student Escape retreat and 131 on the five-day Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

In April, 55 women—half alumnae and half students—participated in the “40 Years of Footsteps: The Journey Continues” retreat, celebrating the 40th anniversary of coeducation at the College.

A total of 190 students were trained and commissioned as liturgical ministers, and 41 students were trained and commissioned as music ministers for the campus liturgies.

During the 2011-12 academic year, 371 students participated in an immersion experience, meeting with, learning from and working with people who are economically poor; 309 students took part in domestic immersions, and 62 participated in international immersions.

Fr. Boroughs and Assistant Chaplain Virginia Coakley led 300 faculty, staff, students and administrators in the first annual Community Prayer, celebrating the many faith traditions at Holy Cross and affirming the College’s commitment to the faith development of all its members.
Through the SPUD program 720 students volunteered weekly at schools, nursing homes, health centers, shelters and immigration agencies across the city of Worcester.

**SPEAKERS & EVENTS**

Featuring guest lectures, liturgies, discussions and concerts, Holy Cross’ yearlong celebration of Jesuit Heritage focused on the theme “Jesuits and Colleagues at Work.”

The Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery presented several exhibitions, including *Viewpoint: Holy Cross’ Visual Arts Faculty; Painting Borges: Art Interpreting Literature; Cuban Artists’ Books and Prints, 1985-Present;* and *Infinity: Works from the 2012 Senior Concentration Seminar.*

The McFarland Center hosted the two-day conference, “The Other America Then and Now,” to mark the 50th anniversary of 1947 Holy Cross alumnus Michael Harrington’s groundbreaking work on poverty, *The Other America.*

Maria Eugenia Ferré Rangel ’89 (in September) and Donna Winn ’76 (in March) gave the Thomas More Lecture on Work, Faith and Civic Life, which honors alumni who exemplify the College’s dedication to the integration of faith and learning.


In December, many College faculty members and alumni attended the newly established Catholics and Culture initiative’s inaugural colloquium, “The Contours of Catholic Life and Practice Today: Challenges and Opportunities in the Study of Global Catholicism.”

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Once largely immune from the economic events that surrounded it, higher education continues its evolution by responding to ongoing pricing pressures, reduced government support, and changes in the regulatory environment brought on by the economic crisis that began in late 2008. The Occupy protests and other events have put intense focus on college tuition, and many expect that the pace of future net tuition revenue growth will be much lower than the growth experienced over the last decade. While national unemployment improved during 2012, it remains elevated at 8.1 percent and the pace of economic growth and job creation has lagged previous recessions. In combination with the continuing debt crisis in Europe, the volatility experienced in the markets this past year, the rating agency downgrades of European and U.S. banks, weak income growth for middle-class workers, enhanced focus on student debt and the impacts of political elections in the United States, it is clear that there are still strong headwinds facing the College as it embarks on fiscal 2013.

Fiscal 2012 was a year marked by a realization that the anemic economic recovery and the lingering impacts of the Great Recession have had a significant impact on the College’s strategic planning assumptions, thereby requiring adaptation of current plans. Despite these challenging headwinds, I am pleased to report that the College’s finances are in sound condition as evidenced by balanced budgets that historically produce modest surpluses, a AA-/Aa3 credit rating from Standard & Poor’s/Moody’s Investor Services, respectively, and continued strong student demand. Internally, strong student demand and operating expense savings in fiscal 2012 translated into positive financial performance, resulting in operating revenues exceeding operating expenses for the 42nd consecutive year. Going forward, the College will need to be aware of its value proposition and pursue strategic investments in those initiatives that build on the College’s core strengths, address the needs of the marketplace and simultaneously address concerns about financial sustainability. Holy Cross is in a fortunate position with its solid balance sheet, operating budget capacity and strong donor support to be able to invest strategically in its future.

ENDOWMENT AND INVESTMENT ASSETS
The College’s endowment asset allocation as of June 30, 2012, can be seen in Figure 1, opposite page.

The endowment posted a -0.3 percent net return during fiscal 2012, which was driven by losses in the international equity markets. These losses were offset by solid performance in the U.S. Equity, hedged equity and fixed income asset classes. This return compares with the College’s portfolio benchmark of -2.1 percent for the same reporting period. By way of comparison, global equity markets (MSCI All Country World Index) returned -6.0 percent and global bond markets (Barclays Capital Global Aggregate Bond Index) returned 2.7 percent for the same period. During the fiscal year, the College focused on rebalancing the investment portfolio towards our long-term strategic targets and reducing the number of managers. Income from the endowment was $21 million, which supported 13.8 percent of the College’s operating budget for fiscal 2012, a slight decrease from fiscal 2011. The College remains committed to its strategy of providing protection for the endowment’s assets while simultaneously providing adequate levels of operating support.

FINANCIAL AND NET ASSETS
Expendable financial resources used in the accompanying charts measure the level of resources that would be available to the College to cover its debt requirements or fund its operations under stressful and/or unusual circumstances. As of June 30, 2012, the level of the College’s expendable financial resources covered 2.8 times its outstanding debt compared to 2.9 times at June 30, 2011. The coverage ratio of expendable financial resources to operations was 3.0 in 2012, down slightly from 3.3 in 2011. These figures remain below pre-crisis highs of 3.7 and 4.5, respectively, but indicate that the College remains financially strong. (See Figure 2 and Figure 3.)

PHYSICAL ASSETS
During fiscal 2012, the College opened the doors of Figge Hall, a new 156-bed apartment-style senior residence hall.
By all measures, the project has been a tremendous success. The additional capacity created by Figge has allowed the College to reduce the number of off-campus students to around 200 and move to a process by which students need to apply and receive approval to live off-campus. The hope is that this process will help ameliorate some of the town-gown tensions that accompany larger numbers of students living off-campus in a concentrated, residential neighborhood. As of June 30, 2012 and 2011, net property, plant and equipment amounted to $208 million. In addition to Figge Hall, capital additions in 2012 consisted of normal renewals and replacements of property and equipment to the tune of approximately $10 million. The senior administration is working with design and planning firm Sasaki Associates, Inc., to refine the Campus Master Plan through 2020 in support of the strategic initiatives.

These preliminary plans will be further detailed during fiscal 2013 and integrated into planning for the next capital campaign.

Based in large part on strong student demand and expense savings, operating revenues exceeded operating expenses by approximately $5.9 million. This 3.8 percent return is in keeping with the 4.9 percent return for fiscal 2011 and within the 1.5 percent to 4.5 percent target established by the Board of Trustees. There were several important factors that led to this year’s operating budget surplus, including: 1) improved enrollment yield and student retention resulted in an additional 60 students above plan; 2) savings in utilities budgets from reduced usage and lower energy prices; 3) savings from unfilled positions; 4) unspent College budget reserves established during the financial crisis; and 5) conservative budget management practiced by the various divisions and departments on campus. All of these bottom-line enhancements were offset by increased financial aid needs that resulted from an increase in the number of students qualifying for financial aid and a simultaneous increase in the average aid amount awarded. All indications point to fiscal 2013 being another solid year from an operating standpoint; however, the College must continue to look for ways to maintain net tuition revenue growth and control operating expenditures while still providing a high-quality student experience. The College will utilize excess cash flows generated from fiscal 2012 to help fund the new strategic plan and further invest in the College’s future.

The adjacent charts detail the key components of the College’s revenues (Sources of Funds, Figure 4.) and expenses (Uses of Funds, Figure 5.)

For fiscal 2012, it cost nearly $40,600 to educate each Holy Cross student. Tuition and fees, net of any financial aid discounts, cover approximately 67 percent of this cost with the remaining coverage coming from external sources including endowment (18 percent) and contributions, gifts, grants and other revenues (15 percent). (See Figure 6.)

The College successfully navigated another challenging fiscal year and is well positioned to enter into a prolonged, uncertain economic environment. Challenges abound from increased political and public pressure with respect to the rising cost of higher education, the anemic economic recovery and signs of trouble in the student loan market and in sovereign debt. The leadership of Holy Cross needs to remain focused on maintaining a strong financial position and budgetary flexibility while simultaneously absorbing the costs and assuming the risks of new strategic initiatives. This will undoubtedly require prioritization, difficult decisions and steady leadership as the College embarks on its future and strives to remain competitive in pursuit of its mission.

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### FIVE-YEAR TRENDS

#### Student Enrollment

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#### Student Outcomes

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#### Financial Resources ($000)

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**Net assets:**

- Unrestricted: $350,742, $271,117, $290,871, $341,590, $325,292
- Temporarily restricted: $192,181, $123,741, $135,446, $177,385, $172,382
- Permanently restricted: $137,382, $145,269, $149,452, $153,292, $158,163

**Total net assets:** $680,305, $540,127, $575,769, $672,267, $655,837

**Endowment:**

- $627,264, $500,378, $534,964, $616,551, $598,032

*Includes life income funds*
“You can get an excellent education at a lot of colleges, but going to Holy Cross will change your life. Having a contemplative center will advance that mission for countless students of future generations. Ann Marie and I are so pleased to part of that initiative.”

Bill Teuber ’73, whose financial gift with wife Ann Marie allows construction to begin on a Holy Cross contemplative center
PHOTO BY ADAM HART

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During his tenure as the College’s 29th president from 1970 to 1994, Fr. Brooks presided over a period of enormous change at Holy Cross. In addition to moving the College to coeducation and recruiting a significantly more diverse student body, he helped strengthen Holy Cross financially, energize the alumni network and build the College into one of the country’s top liberal arts institutions. At the time of his death, Fr. Brooks was actively working, serving as president emeritus and Loyola Professor of the Humanities in the religious studies department. He continued to teach a seminar in Contemporary Christology, remained engaged in fundraising and the business of the College, and had close ties with legions of alumni. In the past year, his leadership at Holy Cross received widespread attention after the publication of the book Fraternity, chronicling the bold steps he took in the late 1960s and early 1970s to recruit African-American students to the College.

THE EARLY YEARS Born July 13, 1923, in Dorchester, Mass., to the late John E. and Mildred (McCoy) Brooks, Fr. Brooks grew up the oldest of four children in the West Roxbury section of Boston. He graduated from the Boston Latin School and entered Holy Cross as a freshman in 1942. Fr. Brooks volunteered for service in the U.S. Army in 1943, and trained in the Signal Corps. He served in World War II campaigns in Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe until his discharge from the Army in January 1946. He graduated from Holy Cross in 1949 with a bachelor’s degree and major concentration in physics. After pursuing graduate studies in geophysics at Pennsylvania State University, he entered the New England Province of the Society of Jesus in 1950. He earned an M.A. in philosophy in 1954 from Boston College, and immediately returned to Holy Cross as an instructor of mathematics and physics. In 1956, he began his study of theology at Weston College and was ordained a priest on June 13, 1959, by the late Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston. Having completed a year of ascetical theology study at the Jesuit Tertianship in Pomfret, Conn., he also earned an M.S. in geophysics from Boston College. Assigned to pursue graduate studies in theology, in 1963 he earned a Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from the Gregorian University in Rome, during the early years of the Second Vatican Council.

He returned to Holy Cross as a faculty member in the religious studies department in 1963, and was named department chair in 1964.

Fr. Brooks made his final vows as a Jesuit in August 1966.

BOLD DECISIONS Immediately following the death of Martin Luther King Jr., in April of 1968, Fr. Brooks traveled to high schools up and down the East Coast to recruit African-American high school students to attend Holy Cross. Among the dozens of students he brought to Holy Cross were Clarence Thomas ’71, the future Supreme Court justice; Edward P. Jones ’72, who would go on to win a Pulitzer Prize for literature; Theodore Wells ’72, who would become one of the nation’s most successful defense attorneys; Stanley Grayson ’72, future New York City deputy mayor who would break the color bar on Wall Street; and Eddie Jenkins ’72, who would play for the Miami Dolphins during their 1972 perfect season.

Also in 1968, Fr. Brooks was appointed academic vice president and dean of the College, and in 1970, he succeeded the Rev. Raymond J. Swords, S.J., whose 10-year presidency was the longest at the College at the time. Fr. Brooks was the first president elected by a combination Jesuit-lay Board of Trustees.

In 1970, he announced that the previously all-male Holy Cross was to admit women, and in the fall of 1972 approximately 300 women entered Holy Cross.

Throughout his tenure as president, Fr. Brooks was an indefatigable fundraiser, annually traveling across the country, delivering talks to dozens of regional alumni clubs and meeting with supporters and donors. In partnership with his friend and colleague, the late Francis X. Miller, S.J. ’46, vice president of development, they strengthened the famous Holy Cross alumni network and built a lasting foundation of loyalty among Holy Cross graduates.
In 1986, with presidents from Bucknell, Colgate, Lafayette and Lehigh universities, he helped found what has become the Patriot League, originally begun as a Division I football league, now expanded to be inclusive of all sports and to this day recognized for its promotion of high academic achievement among participating student-athletes. He was inducted into the Institute for International Sport’s Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame in 2003.

ARTS, CULTURE & UNDERSTANDING
Fr. Brooks was also instrumental in expanding the cultural offerings at Holy Cross, particularly art and music. He founded the College’s first art gallery in 1983, and today the campus and the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery are known for extensive collections as well as an acclaimed exhibition program. Fr. Brooks also commissioned the College’s award-winning Taylor and Boody Organ, designed in the tradition of 16th- and 17th-century Dutch and north German organs, which was completed and dedicated in 1985. The Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J. Concert Hall was named for him, and the full-tuition Brooks Music Scholarship was established in his honor.

Fr. Brooks was president in 1990 when his friend and Holy Cross Trustee, the late Jacob Hiatt, along with his daughter and son-in-law, the late Myra and Robert Kraft, made a major gift to Holy Cross and Brandeis University to endow two professorships in comparative religion: the Kraft-Hiatt Chair in Judaic Studies at Holy Cross and the Kraft-Hiatt Chair in Christian Studies at Brandeis University. To this day, the Kraft-Hiatt fund supports campus and community-wide educational initiatives that foster understanding of Judaism and Jewish culture, and dialogue between Jews and Christians.

HONORS AND REMEMBRANCES
Fr. Brooks received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Holy Cross in 1994. He also received honorary degrees from St. Ambrose College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, St. Anselm College, Assumption College, Anna Maria College and the University of New England. He served on the boards of Spring Hill College, Canisius College, St. Peter’s College and Anna Maria College. He was also a trustee of The Gregorian University Foundation and St. Sebastian’s School, among many other educational, cultural and research organizations he helped lead.

He was past president of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the New England Colleges Fund, Inc. He also served as chair of both the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts and the Colleges of the Worcester Consortium.

Fr. Brooks is survived by his sisters, Mildred E. Brooks and Marion L. Brooks, both of Needham, Mass; his brother, Paul F. Brooks, of Manchester, N.H.; and sister-in-law, Dorothy G. Brooks, of Needham. He is also survived by niece Maureen Shambo, of Merrimack, N.H.; nephew Paul F. Brooks and his wife, Tammy, of North Attleboro, Mass.; nephew John E. Brooks of Manchester, N.H.; cousin Roger Sullivan and his wife, Marguerite, and cousin Barbara Sullivan, all of Hingham, Mass.; and many grandnieces and grandnephews whom he loved very much. —Ellen Ryder
LEADERSHIP  In his role as former associate dean of the College, James M. Kee, professor of English, worked with Fr. Brooks during the last five years of his presidency, and says that he learned a great deal about leadership from Fr. Brooks: “He led with an authentic sense of authority—the kind of authority that is earned, and acknowledged by others, and is quite different from mere power. Even those who often disagreed with Fr. Brooks recognized his authority. Along with Fr. Swords, to whom he always gave credit, Fr. Brooks had a clear vision of the kind of college Holy Cross had to become if it were to achieve its mission in a post-Vatican II world. I marveled repeatedly at his ability to be guided by that vision in concrete situations. His judgments were never mere applications of general principles to particular cases. They were born of practical wisdom. While Fr. Brooks made mistakes, to be sure, he is justified in claiming that he never made a decision that he did not think was in the best interest of Holy Cross and its mission.”

THE ARTS  In 1983 the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery was established to present exhibits that enhance the cultural, academic and spiritual life of Holy Cross students, faculty and staff. Upon its opening, Fr. Brooks said that “an undergraduate liberal arts college is academically strengthened when its students and staff are exposed to works of art ... the presence of the gallery on campus affords the entire Holy Cross community an opportunity to experience that artistic beauty which so readily helps us attain the openness and tolerance necessary if we are to understand who we are and how we relate to one another.”

Iris Cantor, the president and chairman of the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation, shared her thoughts on saying goodbye to the friend who helped her vision of arts at Holy Cross become a reality: “It is with great sorrow that we bid farewell to our close friend Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J. Fr. Brooks’ pioneering achievements for Holy Cross and its students and alumni will be fondly remembered. He was a committed advocate of the arts, and it is his vision that made Holy Cross a place where life and art converge. He worked tirelessly to increase the appeal of Holy Cross and opened admissions to a diverse group of new students. Fr. Brooks’ enthusiasm made him an inspiration to everyone at the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation as well as to me personally. My heart goes out to those who had the pleasure of knowing Fr. Brooks, for I have been inspired by him in every aspect of my life.”
COEDUCATION When the College began planning to celebrate the 40th anniversary of coeducation at Holy Cross this year, the committee decided on the theme “Opening Doors.”

“In addition to recognizing an important chapter in our history, our aim is to recognize women who are shaping Holy Cross today and tomorrow. That’s why the ‘Opening Doors’ theme is so important,” explains Jacqueline Peterson, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, who chairs the coordinating committee organizing anniversary events. Peterson notes it was Fr. Brooks who first cracked open that door for women with his January 1971 decision to allow female students on the Hill. But it was one of her first conversations with him on campus, in 1997, that gave her insight into Fr. Brooks’ commitment to a vision for Holy Cross.

“When my appointment was announced in the local media, the headline emphasized that Holy Cross had hired a female, African-American vice president,” she recalls. “When I arrived on campus, as excited as I was to be here, I took a bold step and told Fr. Brooks that it was concerning to me that my gender and race were headline-worthy. By 1997, one would have thought those facts would not be news.” Peterson says his thoughtful answer showed the man’s characteristic empathy. As Fr. Brooks explained the path the College had taken to reach greater levels of diversity, Peterson felt welcomed and gained insight into his decades-long vision for building a Holy Cross that would be embracing of the value that diversity—including women and people of color—could bring to the College.

Peterson and her Opening Doors committee would never get the chance to sit down with Fr. Brooks and discuss his feelings about four decades of coeducation, but Fr. Brooks himself was often quoted as saying the move to admit women was the best decision he made in his entire presidency.

MILITARY EDUCATION In 1943, Fr. Brooks felt a call to serve his nation, and became Private Brooks, U.S. Army. His experiences helped form his opinion that military leaders are best served by a liberal arts education, where thoughtful inquiry is emphasized.

Bill Dempsey ’63, chairman emeritus of the O’Callahan Society, admired Fr. Brooks’ views on the intersection of liberal arts and military training, and recalled how he came to be known as the “man who saved ROTC” at Holy Cross: “During the Vietnam era, when many colleges were removing their Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, Fr. Brooks looked beyond the current crisis and concluded that the demise of the Navy and Air Force programs at Holy Cross would be a loss for the nation (and the College). Acting as a facilitator, he brought administration, students and faculty together to consider the future of the College with and without the ROTC programs. In the end, all three groups voted to retain both units.

“Fr. Brooks, who served with other college and university presidents on an Air Force ROTC advisory panel, acknowledged the need for young officers who had the technical and engineering skills to operate today’s sophisticated weapons. He would then argue that there was a ‘comparable need for military officers well-versed in the liberal arts—young men and women who have ... the basic mental habits, intellectual skills, qualities of mind and judgment—all commonly referred to by philosophers and our sacred authors as wisdom.’

“He summarized a liberal arts education as one ‘not nurtured by job training, but by experiencing and coming to an understanding of literature, history, the arts, cultures and religion,’ and, he concluded in a 2009 address to the O’Callahan Society, ‘Not every military officer needs such an education, but in my judgment it is essential to the welfare of our nation that numbered among the leadership in our Armed Forces must be officers and decision makers whose minds and souls have been enriched and formed by a strong liberal arts education.’

“Fr. John Brooks was an inspiration for the O’Callahan Society and was a faithful supporter and friend of our efforts. He will be missed, but the lessons he taught will endure.”

IN THE CLASSROOM “I didn’t meet Fr. Brooks until the first semester of my senior year, when I took his Contemporary Christology course. The Christology course is something of a tradition at Holy Cross. In a way, it almost is a tutorial. Every student in the class selects one theologian to study and, inevitably, presents and argues in the style of that person at the end of the year before a panel of Jesuits. In the regular class meetings, Fr. Brooks would expound upon key critical questions in Christology, and then let us go away and read to balance the arguments he presented in class with those of our theologians.

“Every Tuesday morning, Fr. Brooks’ passion for the subject material and how his students were absorbing and processing it was clearly evident. If any of us had a particular question, Fr. Brooks would immediately direct us to another book or article. He encouraged and fostered debate, and, most importantly, he challenged us to wrangle with the questions he presented in class for ourselves. Answering a question how Rahner might answer it, for instance, was fine, but Fr. Brooks would always prod back, ‘But what do you think?’

“Fr. Brooks truly embodied what it meant to be a Crusader—intelligent, faithful and embracing. His vision and insight forever changed me as a person and Catholic, for which I am eternally grateful.

“When I was at Holy Cross in September last year, Fr. Brooks was gracious enough to take time out of his schedule to speak with me (again displaying how his students—past or present—always came first). We talked about my plans for Oxford, how he wanted to visit the city again and what his plans for this school year were. We talked about the past year’s Christology course and what I had learned from it. He closed with his now familiar line, ‘keep reading.’ Thanks, Fr. Brooks. I intend to.”

—Colleen Curran ’11
DIVERSITY When Diane Brady’s book, *Fraternity*, was released last year, the world got to hear a story we at Holy Cross already knew: Fr. Brooks fiercely valued diversity and didn’t just “talk the talk.” In the late 1960s, he literally got in his car and drove around the country, recruiting promising African-American high school students whom he then mentored on campus. In fact, Fr. Brooks’ last interview would be a segment with NBC’s *Today* show about *Fraternity* and the legacy of diversity he created. But here, Paul McGeary ’71 offers the quietly moving story of how he, as a student in Fr. Brooks’ class, was formed by his professor’s view of race and social justice:

“In April 1968, I was in the second semester of my freshman year at Holy Cross. I had Fr. Brooks as my instructor for Old Testament. He was a dean, and not yet president. We met at 8:30, so that he could get on with his other duties. It was characteristic of the man that he continued to teach when he could easily have pleaded the press of other important tasks. He was already in his middle years, a bit jowly and with a flash of gray at his temples behind heavy horn-rimmed glasses. He spoke formally in a gravelly baritone with just a hint of the ex-soldier from Dorchester. His authority was not doctrinaire. There was a passion roiling beneath the gruff, formal exterior. When he spoke of the Old Testament God’s ‘steadfast love,’ we sensed his profound understanding of the relationship between a flawed, aspiring humanity and its God.

“We had class the morning after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis.

“It’s commonplace now to think of Martin Luther King as a prophet, but it wasn’t necessarily then. The ’60s were late in coming to Mount St. James, having spread from Berkeley earlier in the decade. At Holy Cross, a lot of us still wore suit coats and ties to class and went to Mass regularly. We lived an insular existence, largely conforming to the rules our parents had set down, being ‘college men’ in the usage of the time. Martin Luther King’s death, while shocking and sad, seemed distant from us and our concerns. I fully expected that we would hold class as usual—perhaps with an opening reference to the events of the night before in Memphis, but not much more. It was somebody else’s tragedy. Of course we felt bad for the few black kids who were in our class, but it certainly wasn’t like when President Kennedy had been killed. He was ours. We weren’t so much racist as clueless.

“Fr. Brooks began by reading a passage from the Old Testament. Then he spoke calmly and at length about what it meant to be a prophet in an age of apostasy. Of the burden of carrying a divine message to a world that, at best, would just as soon look away from, and, at worst, would just as soon kill you for. Of holding aloft a pillar of fire against the darkness. We were blessed to have lived in King’s brief time, he told us. We listened and stared down at our notebooks in musty Carlin Hall.

“From that moment, I and many like me no longer stood apart. The struggle became part of us and we became part of it.

“It’s also commonplace to remark on the failed promise of the ’60s generation. The hope and fire of our youth inevitably dimmed. For some it got lost in wretched excess, for others in the day-to-day and the demands of family and career.

“But for many of us, there’s a spark there still. A spark of caring and concern that still burns, however wanly. It burns though many of us left the church behind, in our relations with our families and our neighbors and even with those who are strangers.

“James Carroll, the former priest who is only slightly older than I, remarked in an article on the 50th anniversary of Vatican II: ‘What set us young Catholics apart from others of the 1960s generation is that we had been conscripted into the era’s revolution not against authority, but by authority.’ Fr. Brooks, who had studied in Rome during the Council, embodied that authority; an authority born not in blind obedience to tradition, but by his own example. He, too, carried a pillar of fire and lit the way.”

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john gillooly
rob carlin
SAVING GOODBYE

ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 8, Fr. Brooks’ many friends, family and colleagues gathered in Mary Chapel for a wake and vigil service. Senior Vice President Frank Vellaccio spoke to the gathered mourners, offering a personal reflection laced with humor. “When Fr. Savard asked if I would be willing to give a short reflection on my experience of having known and worked with and for Fr. Brooks for 38 years, I immediately imagined Father looking down from heaven and thinking, ‘I should have left clearer and more detailed instructions,’” Vellaccio began. “Despite this, I quickly agreed because Father’s passing has left me with such intense feelings of loss and emptiness that I yearned for an opportunity to begin the process of replacing them with renewed hope and vigor. I also knew that Father would want at his wake some laughter mixed with all the tears.”

After describing their first meeting and early work on the Educational Policy Committee, Vellaccio told the story of a flight to Australia with Fr. Brooks—one of many trips the two men would take through the years on Holy Cross business. Halfway over the Pacific, the flight crew announced an emergency, and oxygen masks dropped from the ceiling.

“I desperately lunged for the mask, sucking into it for everything I was worth. Hyperventilating and intoxicated from my new oxygen-rich atmosphere, I began to accept the inevitability of one of four fates—death on impact, death from drowning, death by sharks, or perhaps worst of all, being stranded on a life raft with Fr. Brooks and after several weeks probably being eaten by him,” Vellaccio said. “This thought jarred my consciousness and suddenly I remembered to check to see if I could help Father. There he was sitting next to me calmly sipping his scotch and reading a magazine, totally ignoring the yellow mask hanging before him. Unable to be inspired by his example, I screamed through my mask, ‘Father, we are going to die!’ He slowly turned and in his priestly fashion said, ‘Frank, relax. You might be worried that in the end we are going to die!’ At that moment I thought, as my life flashed before my eyes, how lucky I was to be working for this great man of immense faith.”


“It was an incredible privilege to serve in this role, both as a colleague of Fr. Brooks in the Development office and as an alumna of the College,” said Dyer, director of Alumni Relations. “He served as a mentor and sounding board for all of us and his presence was a daily reminder about the importance of upholding the mission of Holy Cross.”


In his homily, Rev. Earle L. Markey, S.J., ’53, associate director of Admissions, recounted the many initiatives Fr. Brooks undertook in making Holy Cross a nationally renowned liberal arts college: recruiting an excellent faculty and bright students, adding new buildings, introducing new academic programs, helping create the Patriot League and building the endowment—all while staying true to the College’s Catholic roots.

“In the midst of great change, John always confirmed that the College remains a Catholic college,” he said. “He never wavered from his view that the College served the Church as an instrument of intellectual competence, where the Church met the world and world met the Church. It was a place where faith and reason could meet and be reconciled each to the other.”

P. Kevin Condron ’67, chair of the Board of Trustees, said that when writing his eulogy, he had difficulty coming up with words to capture the uniqueness that was Fr. Brooks: “His influence and impact were so extraordinary that the very campus we gather at today, his beloved Holy Cross, stands as a eulogy to the man himself.”

Fr. Boroughs said that Fr. Brooks became “not just the president but the personality of Holy Cross. “His commitment to academic excellence, to diversity and inclusion, to a measured approach to athletics, to the professional development of the faculty, to critically-engaged theology and to our Catholic and Jesuit identity has become the imprint of all that we do today,” he said.

After the service, Fr. Brooks was laid to rest in the Jesuit cemetery on campus. Mourners followed the American flag-draped casket to a tented area on the upper level of the cemetery, just steps from the chapel. As is tradition, a six-member honor guard from the Massachusetts National Guard provided a 21-gun salute and played Taps. The honor guard then presented the folded flag to Fr. Brooks’ brother, Paul.

Following a brief graveside service, family and friends gathered for a reception in the Hogan Campus Center. The headstone, crafted in white marble with a simple inscription, was placed in September.
**MY MEMORY of FR. BROOKS**

In the days and weeks following Fr. Brooks’ death, it was almost impossible to pass someone on campus who did not have a story to tell about the beloved former president. Here is a sampling of the memories so many shared. More can be found online at [http://www.holycross.edu/hcm/brooks](http://www.holycross.edu/hcm/brooks) (where you can add your own story of how Fr. Brooks touched your life).

**KEEP MOVING FORWARD**

I was privileged to know Fr. Brooks as a student, a young alumni member of the Board of Trustees, a colleague and a friend. He married my husband and me 24 years ago in St. Joseph Memorial Chapel (on a fall Sunday, not a football Saturday!). He was a compassionate priest, a brilliant scholar, a visionary leader, an extraordinary college president and a huge sports fan. He had charisma, determination, courage, financial acumen and great relationships with people. He was a man of integrity and inspired me in so many ways.

I had the great pleasure over the last several years to visit him almost daily. When I would arrive in his office in the morning, he would have already read three newspapers and would begin conversing with me about the news of the day. He was often “clipping out” articles and making copies of them to send to people (in an envelope with a personal note) whom he thought would benefit from them.

He always told me how important it was to keep moving forward, keep learning, keep trying to improve. In short—keep striving for the magis. He would say “if you are not moving forward, you are moving backward and there are others who will pass you by.” I will be forever grateful for his friendship. I know that the tremendous impact he had on my life and on this College will remain forever.

Trish Gibbons Haylon ’83, Director of Stewardship Programs

**“HI, LARRY”**

In September of 1973 I was a new freshman walking down the hall of Fenwick toward O’Kane. Down the hall walking toward me is Fr. Brooks. OMG, is that him? Do I say something? What do I call him? Father President? In the 7 to 10 seconds I have, I decide. As we approach each other I look up and say “Hi, Fr. Brooks.” He looks me right in the eye and responds, “Hi, Larry.” Only later did I hear what I learned firsthand, that Fr. Brooks memorized the names of incoming students from our application photos. He must have loved the reactions of awe from those like me.

Larry Kelly ’77, Clifton Park, N.Y.

**A MAN IN A GREEN LINCOLN TOWN CAR**

In July 1993, with Fr. Brooks’ help and influence, Holy Cross became the site of the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall exhibit in Worcester. The NROTC unit’s ensigns, having been commissioned only weeks before, became the site’s administrators. They planned and executed ceremonies, concerts and remembrances that are still talked about. And every night during that amazing week, at sunset, a man in a green Lincoln Town Car would drive down the hill and park a respectful distance from the site. Fr. Brooks would emerge, dressed in a suit and collar, and stand at attention as Taps was sounded. After the nightly benediction, delivered by a Vietnam veteran, Fr. Brooks would slip quietly back into his car and head back up the hill. He attended every concert and ceremony that week; often walking the length of the Moving Wall to talk with visitors—many of whom had no idea who he was. He also politely declined to offer prayers or remarks at the site—always deferring to Vietnam veterans for that honor, claiming he had not earned the right to do so.

**Lester Paquin, founding member and board member of The O’Callahan Society**

**MASTER OF MITZVOT**

In 1968, Fr. Brooks was my Old Testament professor freshman year, when he was still vice president of the College, and I was a young impressionable 18-year-old. I think that class was an important element in my identity formation. He often called on me for the Jewish perspective on a particular story or verse. It inspired me to do a lot of research so I would be prepared for his questions. I am sure that my experience in that class was one of the first factors in leading me to find my vocation as a rabbi. Fr. Brooks was pleased with my decision. After all, Holy Cross had produced many priests, some ministers, but until then, never a rabbi.

We were also able to share so many times together since then, including moments during my cherished visits to campus in recent years, when I have had the privilege of residing in Ciampi Hall with my Jesuit brothers. I last saw him less than a month ago during my reunion. We had a drink together—he, of course, was sipping JB—he liked the initials and the scotch! I would have imagined him a fan of single malt. It was the day after his first cancer treatment and in spite of that, he was brilliant at the alumni program with Diane Brady on the book *Fraternity*. What a blessing that part of his story was told to so many through this book about one of his most remarkable gifts to the College and to its students.

It was one of his innumerable mitzvot, good deeds that are done by people, not with the intention of receiving anything in return, only because it is the right thing to do. Fr. Brooks was a master of mitzvot. He certainly did many for me.
Jews have a beautiful moving memorial prayer, the kaddish, that we say at the conclusion of every prayer service. Just before the congregation rises and recites it, we read the names of our dear ones who have died during the past month and we do so annually on the anniversary of their death (yahrzeit). Thus we continue to keep memories and souls alive in that manner. It is one of our certainties about immortality. The prayer does not mention death. Rather it is a recitation of synonyms of praise and gratitude to God for the magnitude of the many gifts of the people in our lives. We are fortunate to have them for any length of time.

We said kaddish for Fr. Brooks at our temple last Shabbat and will do so for the next month and every year on his yahrzeit. I was blessed to have known him for so many years.

Rabbi Norman M. Cohen ’72
Bet Shalom Congregation, Minnetonka, Minn.

EVER THE CONGENIAL HOST

Some years ago, my wife, Ann, and I were attending the sold-out general alumni dinner on campus. Our daughter, Jane, was visiting Cape Cod with two of her college classmates and took the opportunity to come and visit us while we were at Holy Cross. The group was late arriving and ended up meeting us at the cocktail reception. Fr. Brooks greeted them and spent some time with them, then came over to Ann and me to ask if our guests wanted to stay for the (sold-out) gourmet dinner. He said he was sure the chef could find three filets for them! Although Jane and her friends had made other arrangements, they were touched by his kind offer and spirit of inclusiveness. It’s just one example of the consistent kindness of Fr. John Brooks. He made Holy Cross a great institution and he will be missed.

Bill Mahoney ’40, Ocala, Fla.

“BROOKSIE, PRESIDENT?”

As the wife of Bob O’Connell ’49, who was Fr. Brooks’ only physics major classmate, I fondly remember when he became president. We lived in Lexington and the announcement came over the radio early morning. I yelled up to Bob who yelled back “Brooksie, President?” He couldn’t believe it. But what a good one he was.

Ellen O’Connell, South Dennis, Mass.

THE MISSION PERSONIFIED

Fr. Brooks personified, with humble dignity, the mission of his order. No one who experienced this man could escape the undeniable purpose of his life, and of ours, “To live as people for others.” May he rest in peace, with knowledge of a job well done.

Jim Sparkes ’71
President Elect,
Holy Cross Alumni Association

ALWAYS GRATEFUL

I was a student in Fr. Brooks’ New Testament Honors course in the fall semester of 1968. It was a turbulent time for our country, with the recent assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy and the war in Vietnam raging ... Fr. Brooks convened the New Testament seminar with the assignment for the course being a 40-page paper. I was stunned! However, the experience with Fr. Brooks helped me to define much more clearly my relationship with Christ. He encouraged me with my proposed paper to examine the relationship among Christ, the four songs of the suffering servant from the prophet Isaiah and non-violence.

The paper he challenged me to write was a key moment in my spiritual development because it led me to discover and begin to understand: the amazing gifts of Isaiah portraying in four separate songs his understanding of the Christ, yet to be born; Jesus’ struggle and personal development with discovering the person he was meant to become, with profound faithfulness to the prophets of the Jewish tradition, including forsaking revenge and reliance upon any elite notions of being the Son of God and, instead, accepting the paradoxically redemptive role of the suffering servant to open the kingdom of God to all; the tradition of non-violence embraced by Jesus and lived by such figures as Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. King, Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton and Daniel and Philip Berrigan; and the challenges posed to me as an individual, developing in the Catholic faith, during the Vietnam War while striving to be faithful to the Gospels. The paper formed the theological foundation for my applying for and ultimately securing conscientious objector status from the Selective Service System during the Vietnam War. I have never been the same since Fr. Brooks’ seminar. I will always be grateful for my final meeting with him in the Jesuit residence this past May, just weeks before he died. What a gift he is to me and to so many, many members of the depth and breadth of the Holy Cross community.

John F. Castellano ’71, Garden City, N.Y.
Jan Minichiello Triglione ’76 was in the first class of women to graduate from Holy Cross, paving the way for decades of female graduates. She made her mark on the then male-dominated campus by coordinating the Big Sister program through Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD) alongside the Big Brother program already run by Peter Reilly ’74. Her involvement helped Triglione realize how serving others would play an important role in her life: “I still remember my little sister, Tina, and hope that my efforts to be her friend made a difference in her life. Knowing her made a difference in mine,” Triglione observes. “It helped me decide that I wanted to live my life helping others who are in need.”

Now, as a professional with an established career (she is the owner of Premier Realty Group, Inc., a boutique real estate company in Reading, Mass.), Triglione has found a place that brings together both of her vocations: Mission of Deeds. Tucked away off Main Street in Reading, the nonprofit organization provides the most basic household items to vulnerable families and individuals—and stands ready to collect and distribute items such as place settings, tables and chairs, bed frames and children’s books.

Mission of Deeds is a nondenominational, faith-centered organization that operates solely through the dedication of its staff and more than 100 volunteers who provide the organization’s clients with the best possible interior furnishings.

Mission of Deeds was founded in 1993 by Triglione’s late father-in-law, Tony Triglione, who realized that, although housing for the disadvantaged in Massachusetts can often be found, assistance in making a home functional, livable and stable is not as easily accessible.

As the development chair of Mission of Deeds, Jan Triglione helps push the nonprofit forward. Noting that many in the current generation of homeowners have a disposable attitude when it comes to household items, she states: “My professional real estate relationships have proved to be a tremendous resource for donations of furniture and household items”—adding that she gets leads for donations from her own clients as well as those of fellow Realtors, lenders and attorneys in Middlesex and Essex counties.

Triglione, along with her husband, Art, remains committed to continuing Tony Triglione’s legacy, one that has its feet firmly planted in a “theory of change.”

“It is the understanding that disadvantaged individuals with secure homes have a better chance of successfully rebuilding their lives and becoming productive members of our communities,” she says. “Providing such basic home necessities to families has an immediate and positive impact on their lives.” By building relationships with more than 200 social service agencies, Mission of Deeds has grown from 27 households served in its first year, to 720 in 2011.

Adhering to a commitment that every client be treated with respect and personal courtesy, Mission of Deeds staff first meet with potential clients in an interview room furnished with cherry furniture (a gift from a consulate in Boston when the organization moved to its new headquarters). Once cleared by a social service agency and the Mission of Deeds staff, the clients are then invited into the primary warehouse, which has a furniture store atmosphere, with pieces displayed according to type and placed along open aisles for easy accessibility and removal. At the end of each appointment, the client is offered a crucifix and a card that reads, “Remember it is the Lord who has made all this possible. We are just His servants, carrying out His work.”

Staying true to her Holy Cross roots, Triglione comments on her dedication to the poor: “There is nothing glamorous about this type of work, but there are huge rewards in the outcome. Knowing that your efforts have enabled individuals in dire straits to have the opportunity to move forward personally in their lives, re-establish their physical house and find hope that they can achieve balance and stability is great.” She credits fellow pioneering classmates
and her Holy Cross experience for providing the background she needed to succeed in her nonprofit work: “I learned so much from all of them and had wonderful academic, cultural and social opportunities that played an integral part in making me who I am today,” Triglione shares.

With the recent completion of a two-year capital campaign—resulting in $500,000 that allowed the organization to double its floor space—Triglione and the Mission of Deeds family hope to continue building their reputation in the community by providing a necessary service to all those who seek it.
ANN DOWD ’78

The celebrated actress talks about challenging convention, the definition of bliss and her Oscar buzz-worthy role in Compliance

It’s a crisp September day in the coastal resort town of Deauville, France. The 38th Deauville American Film Festival is under way, and a beaming Ann Dowd ’78 moves down the red carpet en route to a screening of Compliance, her latest and most controversial film.

In Compliance, Dowd plays Sandra, a fast-food restaurant manager forced into a morally questionable situation when a police officer calls and accuses Sandra’s young co-worker of a crime. The officer orders Sandra to detain the girl, who swears innocence, and a nightmarish scenario unfolds.

After the Deauville screening, a reporter asks Dowd if the notion of bowing to authority was an American problem, the actress answered incredulously, “Nazi Germany?”

“The notion of compliance is as old as time,” Dowd says. “When people say, ‘I was told to do this,’ it relieves them of responsibility to make up their own minds and keep their own standards of right and wrong.”

The film has evoked strong emotions and resulted in walkouts by theatergoers in the United States and even in France, where audiences are typically more tolerant.

“The story really triggers people,” says Dowd. “They get very angry. But if it gets people thinking, that’s a great thing.”

Thinking for herself and challenging convention would ultimately define Ann Dowd’s life. But before she became an actress with a long list of credits, including roles in plays, movies and TV shows, she was a third-generation Crusader (after her grandfather, James J. Dowd, Class of 1905; uncle James J. Dowd Jr. ’45; and father, John E. Dowd ’50). Mostly she was just carrying on a family tradition, although a new one for women in her clan (which included her sister, Kate M. Dowd ’76, and later, cousins AnnMaura Connolly ’86 and Mary Connolly Turner ’89).

“My sister was in the first class that admitted women,” says Dowd. “She thrived. It was a wonderful experience to have her there when I came along two years later.”

But the person who most influenced her college choice was her father.

“He was so proud of Holy Cross,” says Dowd. “It meant the world to him. He recruited for Holy Cross, worked in the press box during football games and tailgated all the time. He stayed close with fellow students and priests he met there.”

Although she was thrilled to be following in his footsteps, she was heartbroken when her father passed away during her senior year in high school. Freshman year at Holy Cross was definitely bittersweet.

“That first year was laced with sadness,” she remembers. “To avoid dealing with it, I dove in and studied constantly. I was premed, so it was a real struggle to find some balance and not study 24 hours a day.”

Though her premed coursework was, at times, “terrifying,” Dowd found a bright spot with organic chemistry professor Michael G. McGrath, who taught her to trust that she knew what she was doing. Even so, Dowd worried about grades and whether she was on the right path. Relief came in an unexpected place. “What saved me was my acting class and doing plays at Fenwick Theatre,” she says.

Soon, others took notice that acting (in plays such as Summertime) was more than Dowd’s hobby. It was her passion. “I loved the theatre department,” remembers Dowd. “A teacher named Donald Ilko was hugely influential in my decision to become an actress.”

Dowd also credits her roommate, Maribeth Wahle ’78, with showing her the light.

“She said, ‘Do you really want to go to med school? Go down the path that’s in front of you that you love.’

**Birthplace:** Holyoke, Mass.
**Residence:** New York City
**Family:** Husband: Larry Arancio;
Children: Liam, 20; Emily, 14; and Trust, 7
**First on-screen performance:** The 1985 movie, First Steps, in which she played Debby
**Major:** Psychology
**Awards:** Clarence Derwent Award for Most Promising Female Performer (1993 Candida) and three Joseph Jefferson Awards for excellence in Chicago theater (The Normal Heart in 1987, Kennedy’s Children in 1984 and A Different Moon in 1983)
And that’s what Dowd did. Post-Holy Cross, she auditioned for and was accepted to The Theatre School at DePaul University in Chicago.

“I’ve never looked back,” she says. “Dance class, acting class, it was bliss!”

After finishing at DePaul, where she met her husband, fellow actor Larry Arancio, Dowd stayed in Chicago for several years, mostly working in plays and discovering how to apply what she’d learned. She absorbed some practical lessons, getting more comfortable on stage and confident during auditions, but mostly, she learned about herself.

“I’d never processed my father’s death,” she says. “And life doesn’t work that way. As an actress, you’re going to walk straight into yourself and everything you’ve tried to avoid. All the areas I’d shut down were saying, ‘We’re right here when you’re ready.”

Years later, Dowd, a longtime New Yorker, has piled up a long and meaty list of credits from Broadway performances, including Candida, for which she won the 1993 Clarence Derwent Award, and Blood from a Stone, with Ethan Hawke, to roles on TV (Law & Order, The X-Files, House and the series Nothing Sacred), and movies (Philadelphia, Flags of Our Fathers, Marley & Me).

And now, critics are calling her Compliance performance Oscar-worthy. “I’m pinching myself,” she says. “I feel incredibly grateful. As actors, we go to work, come home and see what happens. And when this happens, it’s wildly thrilling.”

Quick Questions

Q Who was your favorite actor growing up?
A Geraldine Page. She was a wanderer in the best sense. Nothing about her was conventional.

Q Do you like hanging out with other actors?
A I love being around actors. I think they’re incredibly strong human beings. I respect the work that gets done. I’m married to an actor, and I wouldn’t have it any other way.

Q You have a resume most actors would kill for. Why do you work so much?
A I’m really fortunate. I can play your average Joe. There are lots of roles that are available when you’re not stunning.

Q Do you get recognized on the street?
A Yes, because I’ve done Law & Order so many times. My husband, too. What happens is people think they know me. They’ll say, “Did we go to school together?” I say, “No, I’m an actress.” They say, “No, I know you. Are you sure we didn’t work together?”

Q Do you like watching yourself on screen?
A I don’t and I rarely do it. I watched Compliance because I had to talk about it. But I find it extremely difficult. It’s wildly uncomfortable. The joy is in doing the work.

Q If you had another life to live, what would you be next?
A I’d be an actress next!
Beautifully crafted tomes standing solemnly, shoulder to shoulder, on their shelves captivate one’s imagination with their ancient artistry. Categorized as “Jesuitana,” many are wearing leather covers embossed in regal gold. These rare and valuable volumes, so august and dignified, seemingly prefer not to be disturbed in their climate-controlled penthouse known as the Archives and Special Collections of Holy Cross. “To the contrary,” remarks head archivist Mark Savolis ’77, who avers that they eagerly await some serious scholar to examine them with care. Indeed they would love to be read carefully and have some long-kept secret pried from them.

To that end, Savolis and Nancy Singleton, the special collections cataloger, have been working to make this 3,700-book collection, written by and/or about Jesuits, accessible to researchers worldwide.

During the 1980s, Dinand Library began “the great conversion,” making the information from the former card catalog available in electronic form. Because the focus was on the circulating collection, the Jesuitana and other special collections were not included at the time. “About six years ago we began converting these cards to electronic form,” explains Savolis. “The Holy Cross Jesuit community earmarks a modest amount of money for the project in its annual donation to the College,” he adds. “It is fitting that these rare books about the Jesuit tradition are residing here in a special place of honor.”

Singleton, formerly Dinand’s head of acquisitions and cataloging, has been working part time on the project for the last three years. She inherited the task from Lisa Villa ’90, who started the work.

Fastidiously Singleton searches Worldcat, an international database, for a bibliographic record to match each book. The records are checked for accuracy and include information such as the author, title, publication information and physical description of each volume. Subject headings and special notations are added as needed to aid in discovery. This precise and painstaking labor of love is invaluable to those trying to locate a particular book in this collection.

“It’s working,” Singleton says, wearing a cardigan to ward off the vault’s chill during our tour. “Recently I cataloged a book on a Thursday, and someone found it online and came to the library the next day.”

While being afforded special security, these tomes are accessible not only to faculty and curious Crusader students, but to inquisitive researchers from around the globe. “Anyone with a computer or a smart phone can search for a rare book in an instant. If we have a copy, a researcher can visit and exam it here,” notes Savolis. Remarks assistant archivist Sarah
Campbell, “A hidden collection is now becoming visible.”

There are many books dating back to the early 1600s, written in many languages and some graced with gloriously engraved illuminations. They include fascinating accounts written by Jesuit missionaries who traveled the world to spread their Catholic faith and educational enlightenment. The early members of the Society of Jesus, founded in 1540 by Ignatius of Loyola, were adventurous scholars, steeped in the classics and with an intense interest in the arts and language. Later called “God’s Marines,” they ventured forth bravely into remote areas of the Far East, the New World and elsewhere, leaving a profound imprint.

“The interest in Jesuit history has grown rapidly during the last 20 years,” says Rev. Thomas Worcester, S.J., history professor and renowned scholar of Jesuit history. Fr. Worcester is the editor of and a contributor to the upcoming The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Jesuit History, a five-year project with publisher Cambridge University Press. “With globalization, many historians who are researching their own cultures bump into the major influence that the Jesuits had on their country’s development,” Fr. Worcester notes.

Fr. Worcester—who also wrote The Cambridge Companion to the Jesuits, published in 2008 in print and digital form—acknowledges that while e-books and other digital media are important educational developments, “it is still preferable to hold a book from the 17th century and experience the awe. We don’t ever want to lose track of that.”

“More Jesuitana will be sought out as the 200th anniversary of the restoration of the Society of Jesus in 1814 approaches,” says Rev. Anthony Kuzniewski, S.J., professor of history and author of Thy Honored Name, a history of the College. (Pope Clement XIV suppressed the Jesuits in 1773; Pope Pius VII restored the Society in 1814.)

“The cataloging project will open up doors to future research,” adds Rev. Vincent Lapomarda, S.J., associate professor of history and a contributor to current Jesuitana in his own right, having written Jesuits and the Third Reich and the just published The Catholic Bishops of Europe and the Nazi Persecutions of Catholics and Jews.

“The detailed work of accurately cataloging this collection of Jesuitana is an example of the important scholarly work being done in the Archives and Special Collections,” explains Savolis. “To make these volumes more accessible to researchers and academics is a living exercise that supports the College’s mission.”

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GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

A $100,000 gift from a young alumnus honors the memory of classmate Todd Isaac ’94, who was killed on 9/11

BY CHRISTINE HOFMANN-BOURQUE

Thousands of people every day pass by panel N-56 on New York City’s National September 11 Memorial where the name of 1994 Holy Cross alumnus “Todd Antione Isaac” is inscribed in bronze. Some are in search of the name of a loved one killed on that terrible blue-sky morning, while others, who didn’t know personally any of the close to 3,000 victims, stop to pay their respects. With the passing of the 11th anniversary of 9/11, many worry that eventually fewer footsteps will trek to this hallowed ground, and the memories of those lost will dim. The new Todd A. Isaac Memorial Scholarship hopes to keep the light shining brightly for years to come on the interrupted life of Isaac, a Holy Cross basketball star with a big personality and an even bigger heart.

The 40-year-old donor who funded the scholarship with a gift of $100,000 wishes to keep his own name out of the spotlight. “I don’t want it to be about me,” says Isaac’s friend and classmate, who stipulated that the scholarship must benefit someone like him: an ALANA student from New York City. “I want it to be about the gift and the opportunity that it’s going to provide kids like Todd.”

Prior to the September 11 attack, life was good for Isaac, who was then 29 and living a wonderful life in New York, residing in the city with his friend, Troy Dixon ’93. Recently made partner at Cantor Fitzgerald, the prestigious financial firm that occupied the 101st to 105th floors of One World Trade Center, Isaac had worked exceptionally hard for his success. He had lost his father when he was young, and was raised in a rough neighborhood in New York; Isaac won a scholarship to Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., then headed to Worcester.

“Todd loved, absolutely loved, loved Holy Cross,” says the donor. “He loved everybody at Holy Cross. He loved the avenues it opened up for him. It was a big part of his life, and who he was.”

Isaac would have been proud to have a scholarship in his name. “Todd was incredibly cognizant of the opportunities allotted to him and how they might not be open to a lot of people in his situation,” says his friend. “This is something he’d have wanted to do, had he been given the opportunity to pay it forward. If I can do it in his name and for him, it completes the circle.”

The gift honors both Isaac and Holy Cross. “I am so appreciative of the fact that Todd was in my life for the dozen years I knew him,” he continues. “This is a part of me thanking Holy Cross for giving Todd to me. And maybe opening another opportunity for the next Todd or the next kid who needs a little open door to accomplish great things.”

Isaac’s legacy will, in part, be the many high school and college students who will get an education in his name. In addition to the Holy Cross scholarship fund, a Todd A. Isaac Memorial Scholarship was endowed last year at Phillips Academy, funded by Todd’s friends from Andover, Holy Cross and his business associates.

The new Holy Cross scholarship received one of its first additional donations this fall, thanks to a golf fundraiser in Isaac’s memory, organized by his hall mates from Clark II. “Todd was a larger-than-life figure, not only within our class but with anybody who graduated before or after, that shared time with him on campus,” says Donato Monaco ’94. “It demonstrates the fabric and strength of the Holy Cross community that someone so young would endow something in Todd’s name. It’s awesome.”

Isaac’s friends will continue to ensure his life makes a difference. “I know how hard it is to keep people thinking about the ones we lost,” says Monaco, who had four friends killed on 9/11. “But in Todd’s case, people seem to be thinking about him all the time, not just on September 11th. I hope the people who receive that scholarship, and their family and friends, take a moment and pause to ask, ‘Who was Todd Isaac? Wow, he sounds like an amazing person.’”
Todd Isaac’s name appears on panel N-56 of The National September 11 Memorial at the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan (above) and on the 9/11 plaque in Memorial Plaza on campus.
Anthony and Amy Tutrone first knew Holy Cross through their close friendships and professional interactions with its loyal alumni. Immediately after their son, Will ’15, took a campus tour during his college search, the Tutrones realized that the College was about to become very important in their lives as well.

“Will went with Amy to see Holy Cross,” says Anthony “Tony” Tutrone, a managing director and global head of Neuberger Berman’s NB Alternatives in New York. “As soon as the tour ended, he told her, ‘This is where I want to go,’ and then he called to tell me. I didn’t know a lot about the school at that point, but I knew many Holy Cross alumni. Based on the people I had met, I could see that Holy Cross alumni remained friends long after they graduated. That says a lot about the institution and the memories people came away with. I went to a Jesuit high school and it changed my life for the better.”

From day one, the Tutrones knew that their son was having a great first year on campus. They could hear it in his voice. In addition to meeting the challenges of the College’s rigorous academics, Will got involved in campus activities and went on a retreat.

“I was never worried that Will wouldn’t perform academically,” Tony recalls. “I knew he would do the work wherever he went, but I wanted him to be happy. He’s working harder than he’s ever worked and I’ve never seen him happier. Holy Cross offers tremendous opportunities for students who work hard. We want to support that. That’s how much we love the school.”

Amy could not agree more strongly. “We support Holy Cross because we value whatever our children value,” she says. “We believe that Holy Cross is a special place, not just for our son, who’s flourishing there, but for all the young people on campus. That’s why we’re happy to help in any way we can.”

The Tutrones support Holy Cross through their generosity, and they look forward to other kinds of involvement, as well, in the years ahead. “We sing Holy Cross’ praises at every opportunity,” Tony says. “We are fortunate that we’re in a position that we can offer support to the College. Such support is important because schools like Holy Cross serve a critical purpose in this country. It’s extraordinarily expensive for small liberal arts schools like this to deliver on their mission like Holy Cross does—both from a facilities and faculty point of view.”

Already, the Tutrones see Will and his friends forming bonds that they expect will last long after graduation in 2015. “Will is in a folk/rock band,” Amy says. “The band played in Greenwich Village right after the semester ended last spring and about 15 Holy Cross kids showed up at the performance to support their classmate. Their presence showed the close bond that they had developed already. We would be thrilled if our daughter, Annie, who’s a junior in high school, decided to apply to Holy Cross.”

With fingers crossed that their daughter will include Holy Cross on her shortlist, the Tutrones continue to enjoy and support their son’s experience on The Hill.

“I have no doubt that students who graduate from Holy Cross are extremely well-educated and have the critical thinking skills required to do anything they want after graduation,” Tony says. “When you consider what you pay for college, you want the best for your children. This is the biggest investment that we, as parents, will make. I don’t think there’s a better value out there than Holy Cross.”

PARENTS TALK ABOUT VALUE

A Conversation with Anthony and Amy Tutrone P15

BY ELIZABETH WALKER
THE POWER OF ONE

Suzanne Buchta ’95

Hometown
New York City

Family connections
Charles Buchta ’63 (father)

What she did at Holy Cross
“I closed down the science library most nights, cheered for football and basketball, organized Math Club meetings and participated in SPUD and the Appalachian Service Project.”

The impact Holy Cross had
“Some significant experiences at Holy Cross opened my eyes to key issues related to diversity. Jean Desrosiers, a classmate from Modern Dance, wrote a poem about what it’s like to be a ‘raisin in milk’ and permanently changed my point of view. Maria Marranzini, my first-year roommate, taught us how to merengue and invited us to the LASO (Latin American Student Organization) dances. Sally Rodriguez, a friend from the Calculus Workshop, showed me the salsa and the trick to straightening my hair. Juan Acosta, after one of our many long drives home to New York City, introduced me to his mother and her delicious rice and beans. Jorge Alves and other fellow Karate Club instructors introduced me to the wonderful world of Cape Verdean food, dance and music. I am very thankful to these friends for opening my mind to another way of seeing and experiencing the world.”

The working life
“I work in finance and am interested in all things related to the environment and alternative energy. I have been fortunate to have had an exciting career.”

Memorable Holy Cross professors
“Teachers at Holy Cross literally chased me down and encouraged me to pursue opportunities. Professor David Damiano, my Fenwick project adviser, taught us how to construct math theory from scratch; this technique later became a helpful tool in building a business from scratch. Dean Margaret Freije was a force to be reckoned with in the traditionally male profession of mathematics. Her example inspired me that I could beat the odds, too. Professor Mauri Ditzler showed me both my potential for success and for failure: I received 100 percent on his first exam and a 52 percent on his second! He hunted me down in the hallway after the failure to find out what happened and encourage me to get back on track. Professor Tom Lawler suggested I apply for this thing called a Fulbright, about which I had no prior knowledge. My dream of studying math in Australia came true, thanks to him.”

Why she believes in Holy Cross
“Holy Cross teaches its would-be doctors, lawyers, teachers and business people to be excellent and ethical. ‘Men and women for others’ sets Holy Cross apart.”

Why she gives to Holy Cross
“I give so that others may have similar opportunities and to promote ideas that can change the world. One year I donated a summer internship at Women’s World Banking to Holy Cross. The student intern learned about microfinance—a process for making small loans (mostly to women) in the poorest regions, empowering the people to start businesses and take care of themselves and their families.”

“I think the combination of the College’s consistent focus on academic excellence and its small size make it an ideal place to learn and thrive.”
When she trotted off to the playground, Ann Ash never worried about being left out. The word unfairness wasn’t part of her youthful vocabulary. She knew if she played hard, she could compete against any of the neighborhood boys. She didn’t think of ceilings, glass or otherwise. She showed up to have fun and to prove herself.

That was a few years before a federal Title IX law would demand equal treatment and opportunity for girls in sports. Ann Ash paid little attention to it. She just played with passion. She excelled as an athlete at Worcester’s Marian High, as a Worcester State University Hall of Famer and a legendary basketball and softball coach at St. Peter-Marian High. Under her maiden name, she became a hometown hero. And she catapulted schoolgirls from the shadows of agate-type recognition into the headlines.

Now, Ann Ash Zelesky is an outstanding associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator at Holy Cross where she has been for the past 24 years. Looking in the rear view mirror, she can fully appreciate the importance of Title IX and the advances female athletes have made. Yet let nobody forget that this determined and smart woman made her bones in sports without the benefit of federal mandate opening any doors for her.

One of seven children, Zelesky came from fine Irish stock. Her dad, Joe, a Hall of Fame athlete at St. John’s High, worked as a Worcester firefighter while holding down two part-time jobs to support his brood. Her mom, Elizabeth, raised her kids, returning to teach elementary school when she could. Her first five children were born within five years, including Zelesky and her twin sister, Kathleen.

“In 1957, my father built the house we grew up in, not knowing quite what he was doing,” Zelesky recalls fondly. “Only recently we sold it.” She spent most of her free time playing on the courts and fields around the Thorndyke Road School. Back then there were schoolyards, not camps. Kids organized their own games. Little League was for boys only. “As soon as my mom let me out the door, I played whatever sports were going on and for as long as I could,” she recalls. “Funny, in those days, if you did something wrong, you had to stay inside; nowadays kids being punished have to go outside.”

Zelesky was mostly well behaved and outside from dawn to dark. She would show up, hoping the boys needed another player. As time went on, she earned her stripes and got picked to play early on. “I never thought about girls not having teams. It was just a given. You just knew girls weren’t allowed to play in youth leagues.”

At Marian High, an all-girls school that merged in 1975 with St. Peter’s High, Zelesky finally had a chance to play on a team, even if it was six-on-six basketball that allowed girls only three dribbles. “I was the rover, so I could cross the half-court line,” explains Zelesky, who emerged as a softball star as well. “Girls didn’t have district or state tournaments, but I got a chance to compete and improve. I felt we were treated with respect.”

At Worcester State, she joined up with other talented girls from Worcester County. A local superstar Donna Hebert Devlin coached the Lady Lancers. The coeds often played pick-up games with the guys. “The guys became buddies. We never thought we were being discriminated against,” notes Zelesky.

The WSC women developed into a sports powerhouse. Zelesky and several teammates competed not only in basketball and softball, but field hockey and volleyball as well. An excellent student, she won a multitude of awards and accolades in her WSC career, earning a remarkable 15 varsity letters. A natural leader, Zelesky served as captain in basketball, softball and field hockey. Coaching four sports at WSC following graduation, she continued to play softball in top-flight summertime semipro leagues for nine years, traveling all over the United States. Zelesky served as a player/coach for the Waltham Drifters, playing every position but catcher and excelling as a pitcher.

In the fall of 1975 she joined the St. Peter-Marian staff as a teacher and coach. Over the next 13 years, Zelesky became a coaching marvel in basketball and softball. In hoops, Zelesky’s team posted an overall record of 272-54, winning a slew of league and district titles and one state championship. Her softball teams were 253-21 and won five state crowns. For six years she served as the school’s athletic director. She resides in the Massachusetts halls of fame in basketball and softball, in the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and in the St. Peter-Marian Hall of Fame.

In 1989, Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., then Holy Cross president, and Ron Perry ’54, longtime director of athletics,
recruited Zelesky to help lead Holy Cross’ expanding sports program for women.

The timing was right for Zelesky to make the move to the Hill. “Although I spent many years coaching women’s athletic teams, I placed the priority on raising my boys and put coaching aside,” she says. “I know this was absolutely the right decision now that I see them as young adults.”

“Back then there weren’t many female coaches who could strategize the way Zelesky could,” says friend Carol Blute Ryan, who played for Zelesky at Worcester State and coached alongside her for 11 years at St. Peter-Marian. “She could think so fast, making changes in the flow of the game. She could talk in a whisper and every kid would listen. She never embarrassed a kid … She was an expert at building confidence, not destroying it.”

Zelesky telephoned Ryan when she needed to hold someone’s hand. Four years ago, Zelesky took Ryan with her to her doctor’s office to find out the results of a biopsy. Zelesky was diagnosed with breast cancer. She faced surgery to remove a cancerous lump and would undergo chemotherapy and radiation.

“She approached it like a coach,” Ran recalls. “She said, ‘Cancer is my opponent and I’m going to beat it.’ She did just that. She rarely lost a day of work and she came out an even stronger person. Every day she thinks about doing what’s best for someone else.”

And Zelesky, showing great courage, never lost her sense of humor. She lost her hair during therapy and wore a variety of wigs. Ryan sets a typical scene: “Ann would bump into a friend and say with a straight face, ‘Erica, I’d like you to meet so-and-so.’ Erica was her wig. Ann named all her wigs.”

Now Zelesky’s hair—and her vibrant self—are back. She continues to foster the aspirations of young women and inspire those who work for her as she helps administer 14 varsity sports. She continues to guide her sons, Holy Cross graduates Brian ’11 and Kevin ’12. She fondly remembers coaching both boys in youth leagues. She donates her time and efforts, raising money to support the Pink Revolution, which assists recovering breast cancer patients.

Once upon a time, there was only one in 25 girls playing sports. Ann Ash was one of them, competing without complaint. Now one of every two girls play sports. So when you see Zelesky walking around campus, you will see her smiling … as always with infectious optimism. On the Hill and beyond, she remains a shining star.

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As the College celebrates 40 years of coeducation on the Hill, Holy Cross Magazine looks at how the landmark laws outlined in Title IX changed the face of Holy Cross Athletics.

***Plus***: Six standout female athletes from the past three decades reveal the impact Holy Cross Athletics has had on their lives.
When Margaret (Dempsey) Lima ’80 entered Holy Cross in 1976, women’s sports at the College were still in their infancy. Holy Cross had first admitted women four years earlier, just a few months after President Richard Nixon signed into law a statute known as Title IX. Implemented over the ensuing six years, the statute was intended to eliminate sex discrimination in education.

Lima had witnessed Title IX’s early effects at Weymouth (Mass.) High School, which had added 11 girls’ sports at the start of her junior year in 1974. One of those sports was basketball, and, after playing for two years at Weymouth, Lima made the Holy Cross team as a freshman.

Established two years earlier, the Crusader women’s squad was still fledgling. Its coaches were two male work-study students, William J. “Bill” Griffiths ’77 and Patrick M. Corcoran ’77—and the team usually practiced in the then 30-year-old Holy Cross Fieldhouse, not the gleaming new Hart Recreation Center, where the men’s team rehearsed.

Lima’s memories of her first time on the boards as a Crusader shed striking light on the primitive state of women’s athletics at the time. “This is my very first collegiate game. I think I’ve made it to the big time,” she recalls with a hint of irony. “We travel to Anna Maria College, and we’re playing in a kind of church basement with tile floor, and the hoops are cemented into the ends of the room. We had to get changed in the bathroom, and they kept score on a chalkboard.”

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Lima’s first-year teammate, Kathy Flacke Muncil ’80, remembers moving cafeteria tables off the so-called court before the game. “We laugh...about it, but we truly were second-class citizens,” she says.

Enacted as part of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX decreed, in part, that “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” In the 40 years since it became law, Title IX has had far-reaching consequences for women in sports, creating widespread participation opportunities where once there were few.

Title IX’s impact is evident in the growth of Holy Cross women’s basketball. The College began offering basketball scholarships for women in 1980, and the team commenced NCAA Division I competition two years later. And just 15 years removed from its church-basement days, the Holy Cross squad upset the University of Maryland in the first round of the NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament before a capacity Hart Center crowd. Under longtime coach Bill Gibbons, the team has earned 11 NCAA Tournament berths.

Basketball is one of 14 varsity sports Holy Cross offers women, one more than it offers men. And as Title IX requires, the College provides women athletes with resources and experiences that are in line with those of their male counterparts. Since the law’s enactment, hundreds of female Crusader athletes have derived important benefits from competing, including camaraderie, confidence and lessons that have helped them thrive in their post-Hill lives.

Female athletes at Holy Cross haven’t achieved equality without struggle, however. In her 1993 book, *Women on the Hill: Alumnae Reflect on Twenty Years at Holy Cross, 1972-1992*, Ann J. Cahill ’91 highlights the indignities the College’s earliest women athletes endured. Cahill’s interviews with several alumnae reveal how players had no uniforms,
received paltry meal money, arranged their own transportation and experienced conflicts with men’s teams over the use of equipment and facilities.

Muncil, who is now the CEO of the Fort William Henry Corporation in Lake George, N.Y., remembers how playing games on the Hart Center hardwood while practicing on the Fieldhouse’s heavy rubber floor took its toll. “Because we were going back and forth, a couple of us really got shin splints,” she says. And when the team secured practice time at the Hart Center, it usually coincided with evening mealtime in Kimball Dining Hall. “They’d have to send us to the coffee shop for dinner,” Lima recalls.

Although the women’s team played second fiddle to the men’s squad in those days, its members weren’t quiet about it. “We were not wallflowers by any stretch,” Muncil says. By speaking up, the players received hair dryers and leather sneakers—the latter after Muncil broke her ankle as a sophomore playing in canvas, college-issue Chuck Taylors. “I said, ‘Look, there’s no reason for me to break my ankle again. I want the whole team to have leather sneakers,’” Muncil remembers. “And they gave them to us.”

Building a women’s athletic program was a learning process, acknowledges Ron Perry ’54, who was Holy Cross’ athletic director during Title IX’s implementation. As such, the College responded to it hesitantly at first. “Back in that time, Title IX was a dirty word,” says Mary (Fitzgerald) Riley ’83, who played field hockey, basketball and softball at Holy Cross. “A lot of old timers resented that women would have these opportunities and [believed] that this was going to take away from the men’s program.”

Now an attorney, Riley credits predecessor athletes, including Lima and Muncil, for holding the College accountable. Holy Cross ultimately embraced its legal duty under Title IX, Riley says, opening doors for women athletes.

By creating demand among women for athletic opportunities, Title IX fueled the growth of women’s sports at Holy Cross, says Dick Regan ’76, the College’s director of athletics. And whereas other institutions have opted to eliminate selected men’s sports to accommodate women equally, Holy Cross has not discontinued a men’s sport since dropping wrestling in 1975, Regan adds. (Holy Cross dropped coed fencing in 1986.)

Women athletes at Holy Cross today recognize that their predecessors changed the game for them, allowing them to view equality as a given. Political science major and field hockey captain Megan Bourne ’13 from Lake Forest, Ill., comments, “The first collegiate female athletes created opportunities for me and my generation to experience competitive athletics beginning at a young age. Without their dedication in the fight for gender equality in athletics, my college experience would be wildly different.”

Annie (Lavigne) Pearson ’01, a former Holy Cross field hockey player, notes that many of her fellow alumnae athletes have parlayed athletic opportunity into success on and off the field. “I think Title IX gives young women the chance to be confident and feel good about themselves,” says Pearson, who is now a dermatologist in Worcester. “It’s been amazing for women to have as much to shoot for as men in the athletic arena.”

Mike Cullity ’94 is a newspaper reporter and freelance writer based in Manchester, N.H.

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KATHY FLACKE MUNCIL ’80 remembering how playing games on the Hart Center hardwood while practicing on the Fieldhouse’s heavy rubber floor took its toll.
Andrea (Lavigne) Pearson, M.D., ’01
Field Hockey Physician, UMass Memorial Medical Center, Worcester

A former midfielder and two-time All-Patriot League first-team selection (1999-2000), Andrea “Annie” (Lavigne) Pearson, M.D., ’01 received her medical degree from Dartmouth in 2008 and recently completed a residency in dermatology at UMass Memorial Medical Center. She credits her field hockey success for helping to launch her medical career: “Being able to put down that you’re a Division I athlete at such a prestigious academic school like Holy Cross was part of my ticket into medical school and then ultimately into my residency,” she says. “I’ve never been someone who’s had great test scores, so the fact that I excelled at Holy Cross on the field hockey field allowed me to stand out.”

Pearson believes that “keeping your eye on the goal”—in her case, to become a dermatologist—is key “at every stage of the game.

“Maybe you’re not the best candidate, or maybe you’re not the fastest person on the field,” Pearson explains. “You have to have a goal and then figure out the steps it takes to make that happen. At Holy Cross, I learned to adapt myself on the field to be successful.”

Cheryl P. Aaron ’87
Basketball Assistant Director of Athletics, UMass Boston Norwood, Mass.

A member of the first Holy Cross women’s basketball team to earn an NCAA Tournament berth (1985), Cheryl Aaron ’87 played professionally in Ireland after graduation. For more than two decades since that time, she has guided young student-athletes as a college coach and an administrator.

An assistant women’s basketball coach at Princeton University (1991-93), Fordham University (1993-95) and Boston College (1995-97), she spent six seasons as head coach at Wheaton College before accepting her current position at UMass Boston. Aaron’s experience playing basketball as an undergraduate led her to where she is today, she says.

“I have great pride in Holy Cross and a great loyalty to the College, and I think part of that was instilled by my first coach, Togo Palazzi ’54,” Aaron explains. “I don’t know a guy who loves the College more, I really don’t. Every day, we would hear stories about how great his experience was at Holy Cross. And he just instilled that in us.

“Once I went through the experience of being a student-athlete, especially at Holy Cross, I wanted to give back,” Aaron continues. “I wanted to be able to help current student-athletes navigate college athletics. And I think that’s what I’ve been able to do.”
MARY MCNAUGHTON COLLINS, M.D., ’87
CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK, SWIMMING & DIVING
PHYSICIAN, MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL  BOSTON

A two-time All-American cross-country runner (1983-84) who was also an all-New England swimmer (1986), Mary McNaughton Collins ’87 is grateful for the athletic scholarship that allowed her to pursue premedical studies at Holy Cross. She credits her sports involvement for instilling discipline.

“We were running a lot of miles and lifting weights, and we had to do double sessions for cross country—run in the morning, run in the afternoon,” she recalls. “So the fact that I had to spend a lot of time on that made me really cognizant that, after dinner, I had to hit the books and get to bed at a reasonable hour. But it was also fun. I think the athletics really helped me to organize my day and manage my time effectively.”

After graduation, Collins earned her medical degree at Brown University. Her devotion to physical activity is now a passion she instills in her patients. “I’m a primary-care physician, and I really care about my patients’ physical health and mental health,” she says. “I find so many of my patients are under a lot of stress and strain financially, family-wise, whatever. I try to encourage them to get in some physical activity every day. As someone who is a fan of staying active, I really encourage my patients to do the same.”

ALICIA “LEE” (HENDRICKSON) FURMAN ’92
SOCCER
TEACHER, J. TAYLOR FINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
HUNTINGTON, N.Y.

Alicia “Lee” (Hendrickson) Furman ’92 set Holy Cross single-season records as a freshman, with 47 points and 20 goals; she holds the College’s career marks in those categories, despite redshirting as a junior and missing two full seasons (1989-90) because of a knee injury that required reconstructive surgery.

A Spanish teacher who has coached high school soccer, Furman is the director of the summer youth soccer program in the Incorporated Village of Patchogue, N.Y., and still participates in a 40-and-older league. Playing soccer at Holy Cross broadened her perspective by exposing her to diverse individuals and experiences, she says, adding: “When you go in as an athlete to a new environment, it is nice to have a core group of friends who you know are there by your side to help you out, not just on the field but off the field, too,” she says.

“Being exposed to different people from different backgrounds made me a better person, more open to differences. I always embraced that as well as the sports connection we shared,” the former Spanish major explains. “Soccer is home to me,” Furman continues. “I always tell my students, ‘My sports got me to college, but I still had to do the work, and I still had to have that education.’”
MARY (FITZGERALD) RILEY ’83
SOFTBALL, BASKETBALL, FIELD HOCKEY
ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, GENENTECH INC.
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Mary (Fitzgerald) Riley ’83 was an athlete for all seasons at Holy Cross, lettering in three sports in each of her four years. An attorney who oversees the business law group for a Silicon Valley biotechnology company, she has applied lessons she learned as an athlete to life off the field.

“Being an athlete taught me how to deal with adversity,” she says. “Being challenged and coming out on the other side—knowing that you might not have pushed yourself as hard, but the circumstances pushed you and demanded more of you—reminds you that you can deliver.

“To be part of a team brought me to a new level of camaraderie and community. Learning how to support one another, learning how to accept differences among team members yet work toward common goals—what great life experiences,” Riley continues, recalling her days on the Hill. “Sports were another opportunity for leadership and personal growth and development. Being a liaison between the coach and your teammates, for example, was part of that development.

“My athletic experience at Holy Cross was instrumental in helping to shape who I am and how I approach things,” she observes—“in terms of driving for success, demanding a level of commitment and trying with varying degrees of success to lead.”

BRIANA E. MCFADDEN ’10
BASKETBALL
OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN, WASHINGTON EYE PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS
CHEVY CHASE, MD.

The Patriot League’s 2008 player of the year Briana McFadden ’10 is pursuing a master’s degree in health administration at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md. She considers her experience as an athlete to be a beneficial part of her Holy Cross experience.

“Right away when you come in, if you’re an athlete, you’re on a team, so you have that instant group of good friends, your teammates and your coaches. It just helps you find your way, especially when you’re starting college, making that transition,” McFadden says. “And throughout the four years, you just always have a close support system, people going through exactly what you’re going through, so it’s like a second family away from home.”

With her degree in mathematics and her studies in the premedical program, McFadden notes that being an athlete has been a great advantage as she starts her career: “Through networking, you always have those connections,” she says “And I found in the job-interviewing process, people are really impressed when you are a college athlete because that means—especially at the Division I level and especially at Holy Cross—a rigorous curriculum as well as pretty intense travel and game schedules. People really look highly upon that in the business world.”

Come back to campus for Winter Homecoming on Feb. 16 and see Women’s Basketball play Patriot League rival, American University, at 3 p.m.
Patriot League Approves Scholarship Change

Holy Cross will extend athletic scholarships to football and several women’s sports starting next year

Holy Cross is a founding member of the Patriot League, a group of colleges and universities competing at the NCAA Division I level, and maintaining a strong academic commitment. Patriot League schools are American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy, along with very recent additions of Boston University and Loyola University Maryland, both joining in 2013. Fordham and Georgetown are associate members competing only in football only, while MIT participates in the women’s rowing championship. In February of this year, the League’s Council of Presidents approved a policy allowing schools to award athletic merit aid (i.e., scholarships) in the sport of football beginning with the class matriculating in the fall of 2013. The Patriot League has allowed merit aid in all sports except football for more than 10 years. Holy Cross currently awards scholarships in men’s and women's basketball, men’s and women’s soccer, field hockey and men’s ice hockey. With its storied athletics tradition and more than 25 percent of current students participating in a varsity sport, Holy Cross values its membership in the Patriot League. In addition to being a founding member of the League, Holy Cross was the driving force to run out of teams to play.

Nonetheless, the decision to make football scholarships permissible is complex from budgetary, financial aid, gender equity and organizational perspectives. Conversations about the move continue on campus and among the League institutions and presidents. As the College begins to implement its plan to offer football scholarships, HCM talked to athletic director Richard Regan ’76 (inset), chair of the League’s Athletics Director Committee, about the decision, next steps and implications.

**HCM** What motivated the Patriot League to adopt a permissive policy with respect to football scholarships?

**REGAN** Frankly, as a group of athletic directors, we were struggling to find programs we felt comfortable scheduling. Under the best of circumstances, football is a very difficult sport to schedule. Opponents with existing scholarship programs—schools such as UNH, Villanova and William & Mary—have a strong competitive advantage over us. Moral victories achieved by playing well against these opponents get old pretty quickly.

A few years ago, the Northeast Conference began to allow football scholarships, and schools such as Bryant, Central Connecticut and Stony Brook began to gain a competitive edge. The Ivy League has its own built-in advantages. We started to run out of teams to play.

**HCM** So, the primary benefit of the move is to attract more opponents?

**REGAN** The scheduling challenge was one impetus, but it’s much broader than that. We strongly believe that over time, having a permissive policy on football scholarships will allow us to strengthen and expand the entire Patriot League. Immediately, it assures that Fordham will once again become a full member in football. Going down the road, it’s more likely that we could attract other colleges or universities to the League. BU and Loyola Maryland do not have football teams, but their decisions to join have already sparked excitement, and in the recent months, we’ve had discussions with numerous other institutions.

**HCM** What is the advantage for Holy Cross and its students?

**REGAN** The student-athlete experience at Holy Cross is very much a part of the campus experience. We want to attract the best student-athletes to be an active part of our community, in and out of the classroom, and join our alumni network. With this move, we anticipate that the number of prospective student-athletes who will consider Holy Cross will at least double. Under the need limited financial aid policy under which we’ve operated for over 20 years, the students we could compete for were skewed toward those with high need. In those cases we had a better chance of competing because the gap between a full scholarship offered by scholarship programs and our need-based aid packages was much less than it was for student-athletes with lower or no need. Now, we can compete more effectively for all those prospective student-athletes. We believe this move will help us recruit a better student as well as a better athlete.

**HCM** Can you explain how our institutional financial aid and athletic scholarship awards will work together?

**REGAN** Holy Cross has a formula for calculating all students’ (including student-athletes’) financial need. If a student-athlete qualifies for need-based aid of $30,000, we are going to take that demonstrated need into account and meet that need. Now we have the ability to offer more than demonstrated need if we believe the prospective student-athlete’s athletic ability warrants it.

**HCM** That makes it sound as if it would make more sense to actively recruit student-
athletes who do not have high need—so that financial aid funds could be reserved for other students?

REGAN We will recruit the best student-athletes that we believe will prosper athletically and academically, regardless of need. This move may actually help us with higher need student-athletes. Consider this: The value of a full scholarship for this academic year is approximately $56,000. Let’s say there is an exceptional student-athlete with a need of $47,000. That’s a very high need situation, yet he or she still has to pay $9,000 to attend Holy Cross. While that may not seem like a high number to many families, it could be a tremendous financial burden for that particular family. For the first time, we will have the ability to offer that family more than their need of $47,000 up to $56,000.

HCM Why do you think we can recruit better students, as well as better athletes?

REGAN I think there are two factors that will contribute to this. As we discussed, it is clear to us even at this early stage that we will have a broader pool of candidates that will seriously consider Holy Cross. That alone will allow us to be more selective. Also, some highly rated academic institutions such as the Ivy League schools will continue to award need-based aid, even though need might be generously calculated in some of those institutions. There could be a debate as to whether or not this gives us an edge, but one would have to agree that the ability to award merit scholarships certainly starts to “level the field” in competing for highly rated student-athletes.

HCM How exactly will athletic scholarships be funded? Where will the money come from?

REGAN It goes back to what we discussed a couple minutes ago—for the past 20-plus years we’ve been offering aid for football based entirely upon need. Starting with students matriculating in August 2013, we will consider both need and merit in awarding athletic scholarships to football players and many female athletes as well. We’ve been very careful in calculating the number of scholarships we will award to ensure that it does not have a net increase upon the operating budget.

HCM You just mentioned our female athletes. Much of this talk has centered on football. How will women’s sports be impacted?

REGAN We will continue to maintain compliance with Title IX, and the relevant regulations with respect to athletic aid are very specific. Athletic aid awarded to male and female athletes must be commensurate with participation as measured on the basis of head count. Say Holy Cross has x percent of its women students participating in varsity athletics, we are required to award x percent of our athletic scholarships to women. Accordingly, as we begin to award athletic scholarships in football, we will be awarding an appropriate number of scholarships to women’s programs at the same time.

HCM Has it been determined which women’s programs will be awarded athletic scholarships?

REGAN Keep in mind that women’s basketball has awarded athletic scholarships since 1998, and field hockey and women’s soccer have been doing so for the past three years. While we haven’t determined the precise allocation at this point, our plans at the moment are to award some level of athletic scholarships to women’s crew, cross country, track and field, lacrosse, softball, volleyball and swimming and diving.

HCM What about other women’s sports or men’s sports other than football, ice hockey and soccer?

REGAN It is certainly something we would like to do, and we will continue to explore the possibilities. Remember that we have two constraints that presently govern how we do this. First, we need to be cost neutral in any awarding of athletic scholarships. We are committed to this benefiting Holy Cross and the student experience, and not impacting the operating budget. Secondly, we must maintain gender balance in our scholarship awards—and that’s more complicated than many realize. The male/female participation rate can vary year to year, and that fluctuation would require adjustments in awards. It’s not a particularly volatile number but it can move, and over a few years it could trend in a particular direction.

A number of factors impact the cost aspect. The amount of need-based aid we are currently awarding in a particular sport is a consideration and our ability to reallocate within existing sports is another. If fund-raising is particularly successful in a certain sport, that could open some doors as well. There are a number of other factors, which also come into play with respect to all of our sports, and our aspirations and competitive pressures are just two of them. All in all, there are a number of “moving parts,” and this is a fluid situation to say the least. What I can say with some certainty is that this is a huge step in improving our ability to compete for superior student-athletes.

WHAT THE COACHES SAY

We asked two of Crusader Athletics’ coaches what they think of the scholarship plan.

“While it is still early in the recruiting process for our sport, the addition of scholarships has already made a difference. In the past we’ve lost a number of top recruits who have loved Holy Cross early in the process but have moved on for financial reasons. We’re now a contender for those student-athletes.”

—Egetta Alfonso ’92, Women’s Track & Field

“This is such great news for us. Most of the teams we play have athletic scholarships and that can be disheartening—constantly facing opponents with greater resources. Over the next four years this will really help level the playing field.”

—Erin Cady, Women’s Volleyball
VARSITY GOLFER Roberto S. Machado ’13, of Miami, has loved life on the green ever since he made his first putt at age 8, but there is more to this athlete’s life than golf. We asked Machado, a political science major with a Latino studies concentration, about life on the Hill.

Q: Which professor have you found to be most challenging or interesting?
A: I took Associate Professor of history Stephanie Yuhl’s course, FDR’s Four Freedoms, during my first year. It sticks out in my mind because it was one of the first classes I took and the one that made me realize college was not going to be easy. It was also very interesting, and Professor Yuhl really helped me improve my writing skills.

Q: How do you balance the commitment to a sport with academics and a social life?
A: I’m still working on this one, but it mostly comes down to time management.

Q: So, do you have time to take part in any other campus activities?
A: I do. There are so many things to do here—finding an activity that fits your schedule is not too difficult. Even with my schedule, I can participate in Big Brothers Big Sisters. Through that, Holy Cross has given me the opportunity to help others—plus, the wide range of courses here has allowed me to learn about different ways to help and given me insight into the lives of the people we are assisting.

Q: As a native of Miami, how did you adjust to Holy Cross winters?
A: I still haven’t really gotten used to winters up north, but I remind myself that it’s only going to be cold for a small time. Plus, I’ve acquired more appropriate winter clothing as the years have gone by.

Q: What place do you frequent most on campus?
A: I’m normally in the library. It takes me a while to actually get myself to go there, but, once I do, I’m there all day.

Q: What’s left on your college bucket list?
A: I would like to be the Crusader mascot for a day. —Maya Rock ’13

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: HOLY CROSS HALL OF FAME

The Varsity Club’s selection committee will meet in January 2013 to elect new members to the Holy Cross Athletic Hall of Fame. If you have a nominee in mind, now is the time to send in his or her name (the deadline for nominations is Dec. 31, 2012).

Remember, all candidates should meet the following qualifications:

• His or her class must have been graduated five years, although the nominee need not have graduated.
• The nominee must have been outstanding in one or more sports.
• The nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to Holy Cross Athletics.

Each entry must include a brief summary of the candidate’s qualifications, including name, class year and sport(s) played. To be considered, candidates must be nominated for the 2013 selection year, even though they may have been nominated in prior years. The Varsity Club reserves the right to make its own independent inquiry, and requests that those placing names in nomination refrain from divulging that fact to the candidates.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: Dec. 31, 2012
Submit nominations to:
James A. Maloney
Secretary, Holy Cross Varsity Club
862 Pleasant St., Worcester, Mass. 01602
As the days get shorter, the Hill offers beautiful evening views, including the cross atop Alumni Hall.
HCAA President’s Note

THE NEXT CHAPTER

When current and future alumni reflect upon the history of Holy Cross, 2012 will certainly be remembered as a year filled with change and sadness, as well as expectation.

In January, we bid farewell to Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., following his decision to step down after 12 years as president. Known for his warm smile, welcoming demeanor and razor-sharp intelligence, Fr. McFarland led Holy Cross through the first decade of the 21st century, a time filled with uncertainty following the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

The death of Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., ’49 in July plunged the Holy Cross community into sadness. In 1968, the United States was changing, and Fr. Brooks, then the head of the theology department, was acutely aware that Holy Cross must change as well. Armed with a strong commitment to social justice and a vision of Holy Cross’ role in the world, Fr. Brooks recruited 20 young African-American men to the all-male, predominantly white college. Four years later, in 1972, Fr. Brooks oversaw the next seismic shift in Holy Cross’ history, the admission of women.

Even as he pushed Holy Cross to change, Fr. Brooks was there every step of the way—guiding, supporting, encouraging. His humor and foresight shaped the dynamic, multifaceted institution we know Holy Cross to be today.

With the arrival of Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., we are on the cusp of the next chapter in Holy Cross’ history, even as the Alumni Association is poised for its own growth and change. This is an exciting time as we lay the groundwork for ever-greater outreach to our membership. We take the mission of being men and women for others very seriously, and we are committed to our goal of engaging alumni for life. As we plan for the future, we have high expectations for the Alumni Association, as well for the vision Fr. Boroughs brings to Holy Cross.

Welcome, Fr. Boroughs! We look forward to working with you.

Maureen E. Moran ’89
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Holy Cross Alumni Association
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Notice Something New?

The Holy Cross Alumni Association is committed to providing you with programs, benefits and services to help you stay connected to Holy Cross and one another. Hence, our new tagline: “Engaging Alumni for Life.” It’s our promise (and a reminder to you) that from helping connect you to your first job, to welcoming you back to Reunion as a Purple Knight and everything in between, the Holy Cross Alumni Association wants to be part of your life.
REQUIRED

Associate Professor of history MICHAEL R. WEST shares one of his summer pleasures: Reading the issues of the London Review of Books that have accumulated in his office. Each issue of the LRB, published twice a month since 1979, offers reviews, poems and essays by academics, writers and journalists.

READING

London Review of Books

OOPHAGY is the unsettling practice of cannibalistic sibling rivalry, undertaken in utero by some shark species, which I learned about by reading the London Review of Books. The summer provided the leisure to tackle the stack of LRBs accumulated under my desk over the course of the year. Aside from this or that more or less useful addition to my vocabulary (I have yet to work “oophagy” into anything like normal conversational flow), the LRB offers book reviews and essays from the best historians and writers of the Atlantic world, writing with a freedom and breadth too often lacking in academic journals. I have been reading a series of essays on Gandhi and Indian independence written by Perry Anderson, the great British historian of ideas. Challenging convention, Anderson makes the case that Gandhi, already by the early 1930s a figure of extraordinary charisma, power, but also hubris, scuttled a possible alliance between Hindus and Moslems chafing under the Raj, worked against those seeking to dismantle Untouchability and likely delayed independence by at least a decade. For Anderson, Gandhi’s advocacy of non-violence was not a means of mobilizing people in a democratic movement, but a brake on an already active movement and a way for the “Great Soul” to have his way as against that of the demos. For me, the excitement of this suggestive thesis rests in its relation to my own work on the civil rights movement. In the late 1940s advocates sought to relate Gandhian ideas to the African-American situation and won their greatest convert with Martin Luther King Jr. after the Montgomery bus boycott. What did they see as the promise of such ideas for the black struggle? It cannot have been dissuading African Americans from violent attacks on Jim Crow and racism, as there was really no significant black grouping advocating violence before the 1960s. The philosophy, strategy and psychology of these mid-century advocates of non-violence merit another look.

Each issue of the LRB offers at least a couple of items that similarly spark the imagination, provoking thoughts of connections between seemingly disparate subjects—a global perspective on history, politics, the arts and culture—that come together in erudite, entertaining essays. Readers attracted to the possibility of making sophisticated connections about a complex world will find just as great a reward in reading the LRB as I have.
Hats and Hearts in Belize

Jane DeSisto Harrity, M.D., ’84 recently shared photos she and her son, Ryan, snapped on their medical mission to the rural villages in the jungles of Belize. “It was an experience second to none,” Harrity says. Along with their medical gear, the duo packed Holy Cross hats (donated by the Alumni Office) to share as gifts to the people they were to meet in Central America. “You can’t imagine how grateful the men were to receive the Holy Cross baseball hats,” she says. “Blistering heat and humidity plague the men as they labor in the fields all day, and the hats were received with incredible enthusiasm. As you can see in the photo of me with two village boys (below), my other alma mater, Boston University School of Medicine, also donated hats.”

Holy Cross classmate Richard Shea, D.D.S., ’84 donated dental supplies for Harrity’s trip, just as he did when Harrity and her daughter Carolyn went on a similar mission to Costa Rica. “It’s great to know that my schools and classmates continue to be supportive of my endeavors long after I have left campus,” she says. “It’s just one of the many reasons I’m proud to be a ’Sader.”
The HCAA Committee on Nominations and Elections will convene at the College this fall to draft a slate of nominees for the vacant seats on the HCAA Board of Directors. The deadline for submitting nominations is Nov. 2. Those chosen will assume office on July 1, 2013. The committee members will nominate a president, a president-elect and two vice presidents. They will also nominate 12 directors for three-year terms, with two directors from each of the following: current or past regional club presidents; Classes of 2004-2013; Classes of 1994-2003; Classes of 1984-1993; Classes of 1974-1983; Classes of 1973 and earlier. There is no limit to the number of names that can be submitted for consideration. For information as well as a nomination form, email hcaa@holycross.edu or visit alumni.holycross.edu/hcaa.

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Start packing your bags and make plans to travel with fellow alumni and friends in 2013! Whether you enjoy exploring new destinations on your own or joining optional group tours and excursions, popular city-stay trips are sure to delight.

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The Holy Cross Alumni Association honored five alumni for their dedication and commitment to serving alma mater during its annual dinner on Homecoming weekend. The 2012 recipients of the In Hoc Signo award are (from left) Mark W. Powers ’85, George M. Ford ’60, William J. Supple ’81 and John P. Brogan ’66. Bryan J. DiMare ’06 (second from right, next to Maureen Moran ’89, president of the HCAA) received the inaugural Young Alumni Leadership Award.
A Note about In Memoriam
Holy Cross Magazine publishes In Memoriam four times a year, in honor of College alumni, Trustees, students, employees and friends. Due to space constraints, obituary content is limited to an overview of an individual’s life accomplishments, including service to alma mater, and a survivors’ listing. Tributes appear in the order in which they are received; due to the volume of submissions and Magazine deadlines, it may be several issues before they appear in print. For a list of recent deaths, visit offices.holycross.edu/alumni/services/memoriam. To notify the College of a death, please call the Alumni Office at (508) 793-3309 or send an e-mail to Karen Harney at kharney@holycross.edu, attaching a copy of a newspaper obituary, if available.

1940
David J. Reedy Jr.
David Reedy, a lifelong resident of Scranton, Pa., died Feb. 10, 2012, in St. Mary’s Villa Nursing Home, Elmhurst, Pa. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Mr. Reedy had been an attorney in Scranton for almost 60 years. During his career, he also served eight years as a city solicitor and, many more, as an assistant. Chairman of the Democratic Committee in Scranton for 16 years, Mr. Reedy belonged to St. Clare’s Church in Scranton, as well as several community organizations. Serving as a second lieutenant in the 97th Infantry Division during World War II, he was awarded the Purple Heart. Mr. Reedy had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by three sons; two daughters; their spouses; a sister; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

1942
Michael J.J. O’Brien, O.D.
Michael J.J. O’Brien, O.D., died March 22, 2012, in San Pedro, Calif., at 91. During his career, Dr. O’Brien had been a longtime optometrist in the area of San Pedro, where he resided for 60 years. In charge of the Confirmerity of Christian Doctrine at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro for many years, he was also a past member of the Lomita (Calif.) Rotary Club. A veteran, Dr. O’Brien served as a captain in the Navy. He had been a Holy Cross class agent. Dr. O’Brien is survived by two sons; a daughter; two daughters-in-law; a sister; five grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1941
Gerald F. Whalen, M.D.
Gerald Whalen, M.D., died Feb. 4, 2012, at his home in Shrewsbury, N.J., at 91. A longtime physician, Dr. Whalen had worked more than 63 years in Monmouth County and Ocean County, N.J. Beginning his career as a neurosurgeon at St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City, he subsequently practiced at Riverview Hospital in Red Bank; Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel; and Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, where he was the chair of numerous committees, president of the medical staff and member of the board of trustees’ executive committee. Dr. Whalen was a graduate of the Weil Cornell Medical College in New York City and a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, the Society of British Neurological Surgeons and the New York Academy of Sciences. His professional involvement included holding leadership positions in the local chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Monmouth County Medical Society and the Medical Society of New Jersey, as well as serving as a delegate to the American Medical Association. A veteran, Dr. Whalen had been a captain with the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He is survived by two sons; two daughters; their spouses; a sister; and nine grandchildren, including Nicholas P., ’15.

1943
Edwin A. Gendron Sr., D.D.S.
Edwin Gendron, D.D.S., of Martinsville, Va., died Feb. 9, 2012, at 93. A graduate of the Emory University School of Dentistry in Atlanta, Dr. Gendron later received his master degree in science in orthodontics from the University of North Carolina. He served in the Air Force from 1952 until 1954. Dr. Gendron is survived by two sons.

1944
Joseph P. Murphy Jr.
Joseph Murphy died March 11, 2012, at his home in Santa Rosa, Calif., at 89. A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Mr. Murphy had served as a Municipal Court judge and, later, as a Superior Court judge of Sonoma County, Calif., for 20 years, retiring in 1984. Beginning his career in private practice in Santa Rosa in 1969, he also served five years as a deputy district attorney. A member of several professional associations, Mr. Murphy was a 1995 recipient of the Career of Distinction Award from the Sonoma County Bar Association. Active in community affairs, he had served as a Little League coach and as a commissioner of the Sonoma County Library; his interests included the Gray Scholarship Foundation and SABR (Society of American Baseball Research). Mr. Murphy belonged to St. Eugene’s Catholic Church in Santa Rosa. He was a Marine Corps officer during World War II. Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Marian; four sons; four daughters; their spouses; 19 grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

1948
Gerard A. DeMarrais
Gerard “Jerry” DeMarrais, a longtime resident of Clarksville, Va., died on Feb. 11, 2012, at 86. During his career, Mr. DeMarrais had been a meteorologist for the Atomic Energy Commission, the National Weather Service and the Environmental Protection Agency; he earned advanced degrees from St. John’s University in New York City and Pennsylvania State University. At the time of his retirement, Mr. DeMarrais worked as a Realtor in North Carolina. He was a Navy veteran, serving as a lieutenant commander and, also, as a Reserve officer. Mr. DeMarrais is survived by two daughters; a sister; and four grandchildren.
Rev. Paul J. Duff, C.S.C.
Rev. Paul Duff, C.S.C., died Jan. 18, 2012, in Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind., at 88. A longtime member of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Fr. Duff had been associated with Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass., from 1959 to 1973—holding various positions, including the dean of students; from 1993, until his retirement from active ministry in 1997, he was the local superior of the Holy Cross community at Stonehill. Ordained to the priesthood in 1955, Fr. Duff began his ministry as a member of the Holy Cross Fathers Mission Board, conducting parish missions in the Philadelphia area; prior to his first association with Stonehill, he worked two years in the Provincial Administration Office of Development. Fr. Duff’s other assignments included serving as chaplain of the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., and pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Manhasset, N.Y.; St. Joseph’s Parish, Martinville, Va.; and Holy Cross Parish, South Easton, Mass. He also worked a year in the Renewal Program for Clergy at Notre Dame University in Indiana and as the rector of a student residence hall; served as a counselor at Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, N.Y., from 1982 to 1983; and held the post of chaplain, from 1985 to 1993, at the former Marymount College in Tarrytown, N.Y. Fr. Duff is survived by his sister-in-law, nine nephews and nieces, 27 grandnephews and grandnieces; and 18 great-grandnephews and great-grandnieces, including several Holy Cross alumni.

William F. Scannell
William Scannell died April 21, 2012, at his home in Worcester, at 87. Active for many years in the Massachusetts Trial Court Judiciary, Mr. Scannell had been an associate justice and, then, a presiding justice, of the Western Massachusetts District Court—as well as a justice at other locations of the trial court. Following his retirement in 1993, he was recalled to serve on the bench of the Worcester Juvenile Court. A recipient of the Distinguished Jurist Award of the St. Thomas Society of the Worcester County Bar Association, Mr. Scannell was chairman of the Massachusetts Trial Court’s Committee on Stress Management and co-author, with other Massachusetts judges, of Judicial Wellness, published in the 1990s by the National Judicial College. Receiving his degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston, Mr. Scannell began his career in Worcester as an assistant city solicitor and an attorney in private practice. He was an Army veteran, serving in the Pacific theater during World War II. Mr. Scannell is survived by his wife, Linda Powers; two sons; two daughters; three stepchildren; their spouses; eight grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Ernest P. Tassinari
Ernest Tassinari died Feb. 26, 2012, in Jordan Hospital, Plymouth, Mass. A graduate of the Columbia Business School in New York City, Mr. Tassinari had been a self-employed certified public accountant. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Tassinari’s interests included photography, music and gardening. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Mr. Tassinari is survived by his wife, Dolores; two sons, including Mark P. ’82; a daughter; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and several nephews and nieces. His daughter was the late Suzanne Tassinari MacDonald ’78.

1950
Thomas G. Cody
Thomas Cody, of Bethesda, Md., died on Feb. 26, 2012. During his career Mr. Cody served as the second executive director of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, having been appointed to this position in 1972 by President Nixon. He subsequently held the post of assistant secretary for administration at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and later donated materials related to his work to the two agencies to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library in Michigan. Mr. Cody next served about 20 years as a partner with the management consulting firm, Lester B. Knight & Associates, and then operated his own consulting business, Thomas G. Cody and Associates, in Washington. At the start of his career, he had been a management consultant for 20 years in Los Angeles. Mr. Cody was the author of four books, including Management Consulting: A Game Without Chips. He served as a combat engineer during the Korean War and, subsequently, remained active in Marine Corps affairs throughout his life. Following graduation from Holy Cross, Mr. Cody pursued graduate studies at Boston College and then earned his M.B.A. at Harvard Business School, Boston, in 1957. He was a native of Holyoke, Mass., and a longtime summer resident of Brewster, Mass. Mr. Cody is survived by a son; a daughter; a brother; Richard A. ’58; two sisters-in-law; and many nephews and nieces. His brother was the late John F. ’51; Mr. Cody’s wife of more than 50 years, Kathleen Maguire Cody, died in July 2006.

1949
Richard W. Packer
Richard Packer died February 12, 2012, at his home in Barrington, R.I., at 87. During his career, Mr. Packer had served as the chief executive officer of Dieters & Clust, manufacturer of school rings and emblematic jewelry, based in Providence, R.I. A resident of Barrington for 58 years, he had been an active member of St. Luke’s Parish as well as several town boards, including the 1994 Barrington Charter Review Commission. Mr. Packer was an Army veteran, serving with the 104th Infantry Division during World War II; he was awarded the Purple Heart. Mr. Packer was a 1952 graduate of the Fordham University School of Law in New York City. He belonged to the 24 Karat Club of New York, among other associations. Mr. Packer is survived by his wife, Lillian; three sons, including Thomas M., ’55; three daughters; their spouses; 14 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Philip M. Herman
Philip Herman died April 10, 2012, at his home in Worcester, at 86. During his career, Mr. Herman worked many years for the Wyman-Gordon Company in Worcester as a payroll supervisor; he later became a teacher in the Worcester public school system, retiring after 20 years of service. A World War II Navy veteran, Mr. Herman was a recipient of the Victory Medal and the American Theater Campaign Medal. He is survived by his wife, Madeline; two sons; five daughters; three sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; 13 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

George T.M. Kelley
George Kelley, a lifelong resident of Westchester County, N.Y., died Feb. 9, 2012, in Hartsdale, at 85. A longtime educator, Mr. Kelley joined the faculty of Eastchester (N.Y.) High School in 1958; during his 30-year tenure, he taught mathematics and coached junior varsity football. From 1970 to 1984, Mr. Kelley was a football official and referee for Catholic and public school leagues. Completing graduate studies at Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City, he taught mathematics and coached football, baseball and swimming at his alma mater—Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, N.Y., from 1957 to 1958. An outstanding athlete as a student at Iona Prep, Mr. Kelley played varsity football at Holy Cross. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps. Mr. Kelley had been a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Hartsdale for 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Gerry; two sons; five daughters; their spouses; 17 grandchildren; and 13 nephews and nieces.

Francis C. Mason, M.D.
Francis Mason, M.D., of Norwood, Mass., died Dec. 25, 2011, at 85. Dr. Mason was a 1954 graduate of the Boston University School of Medicine and a World War II Navy veteran. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross and a Holy Cross class agent. Dr. Mason is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; three sons; three daughters, including Carolyn E. Mason Wholley ’87; their spouses; his mother-in-law; a sister; eight grandchildren; and two nieces and their families.

Rudolph O. Neri
Rudolph Neri, a longtime resident of Hawthorne, N.J., died April 30, 2012, at 83. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Mr. Neri had worked many years for Schering-Plough (now Merck) Pharmaceutical Co., as associate director of clinical research; he held several patents related to the treatment of prostate cancer. Receiving his master’s and Ph.D. degrees from New York University, Mr. Neri had also served as an adjunct professor of biology at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, N.J., lectured internationally and held membership in various professional associations, including The Endocrine Society and the Physiological Society. Mr. Neri had been an active member of St. Anthony Parish in Hawthorne and a volunteer at Eva’s Kitchen in Paterson, N.J., among other endeavors. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two sons; two daughters; their spouses; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Robert J. Vander Putten
Robert Vander Putten, of Rio Rancho, N.M., died Jan. 17, 2012, at 84. During his career, Mr. Vander Putten had worked more than 35 years for Lockheed Missiles and Space. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Vander Putten lived 41 years in California before relocating to New Mexico. He is survived by his wife, Doris; a son; three daughters; their spouses; and three grandchildren.

Attilio R. Antonioni
Attilio ("Tony") Antonioni, a lifelong resident of Lebanon, Mass., died Feb. 27, 2012, in
Robert E. Whalen, M.D.
Robert Whalen, M.D., died April 25, 2012, at his home in Wake Forest, N.C., at 81. A clinical cardiologist, from 1961 to 1992, at the Duke Medical Center in Durham, N.C., Dr. Whalen was director of the medical center from 1968 to 1971, director of the Cardiovascular Vascular Disease Service, from 1976 to 1992, and chief of Internal Medicine, from 1982 to 1986. Appointed a professor of medicine at the Duke University School of Medicine in 1974, he was honored with the Distinguished Teacher Award in 1982 and named professor emeritus in 1981. Dr. Whalen was a graduate of the Wellled Cornell Medical College in New York City. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two sons; four daughters; a stepson; their spouses; and 15 grandchildren.

John J. Marion
John “Jack” Marion, of Worcester, died March 2, 2012, at 83. During his career, Mr. Marion had worked 22 years as a social worker with the Worcester Department of Public Welfare, retiring in 1989 as a supervisor. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Marion had been a longtime member of Ascension Church in Worcester. He is survived by a brother; two nephews; a niece; and a great-niece.

John C. Menton
John Menton, of Melbourne, Fla., died on Feb. 7, 2012. During his career, Mr. Menton had been a special agent with the FBI for 23 years, assigned to field offices in New Jersey, Kentucky and, later, Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Following his retirement from the FBI, he served as the director of risk management for the North Broward Hospital District in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Menton relocated with his wife to Melbourne in 1989. He was a Navy veteran. Mr. Menton is survived by his wife, Marie; three sons; a daughter; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; a brother; and 10 grandchildren.

Cornelius J. Milliken Jr.
Cornelius Milliken, of Elmina, N.Y., died April 9, 2012. During his career, Mr. Milliken had worked for the Thatcher Glass Manufacturing Co. in Elmina, retiring as vice president, and as the director of external affairs at Cornell (N.Y.) Community College. Active in community affairs, he served almost 40 years in the Chemung County (N.Y.) Legislature, holding the position of chairman for the past nine years. His civic leadership positions also included: director of STEG (Southern Tier Economic Growth); chairman of the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency; trustee of the Siemens Center in Elmira; and director emeritus of the Elmira Savings Bank. A veteran, Mr. Milliken served with the Marines during the Korean War, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. He was a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., receiving his juris doctor in 1958 and his master of laws degree in 1962. Mr. Donnelly is survived by his wife, Barbara; two daughters; a son-in-law; a sister; two stepchildren; four step-grandchildren; three nephews; a niece; and several grandnephews and nieces.

John M. Flavan
John Flavan, of The Villages, Fla., died on April 23, 2012, in his residence, at 80. Receiving his M.B.A. from Stanford (Calif.)
University in 1956, Mr. Flavan had been self-employed during his career, working in the fields of restaurant management, real estate and financial development; he served as the general manager of the former Noah’s Ark Restaurant in St. Charles, Mo., among other pursuits. A native of St. Louis, Mr. Flavan had also resided in Clearwater Beach, Fla. He had been a member of the President's Council at Holy Cross and a recipient, in 2002, of the College’s In Hoc Signo Award. Mr. Flavan was a parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Wildwood, Fla. He is survived by a brother; a sister; a brother-in-law; and many nephews, nieces, cousins and their spouses; a brother; and four grandchildren.

John E. Donnelly, M.D.
John Donnelly, M.D., of Virginia (Va.) Beach, died Feb. 20, 2012, at 78. A retired family physician, Dr. Donnelly was a graduate of SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine in Brooklyn. He resided many years in Bethany, Conn., and enjoyed time spent at Candlewood Lake in New Milford, Conn. Dr. Donnelly had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, June; a son; four daughters, including Cathleen D. Donahue ’86 and June D. Wendeur ’83; their spouses; a sister; and 13 grandchildren.

Thomas M. Dooling Jr.
Thomas Dooling, of Marstons Mills, Mass., died April 21, 2012, in Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, Mass., at 80. A graduate of Boston College and the New England School of Law in Boston, Mr. Dooling had been a practicing attorney for many years, with his father, in the Fitchburg, Mass., firm Dooling & Dooling. During his career, he had also served as an attorney for the Fitchburg Housing Authority and as a longtime Worcester County deputy sheriff. A veteran, Mr. Dooling was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He is survived by two sons; a daughter-in-law; a sister; seven grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. His father was the late Thomas M. Sr. ’25.

Dominic J. Ferraina
Dominic Ferraina, a longtime resident of Windsor Conn., died March 15, 2012, in McLean Home, Simsbury, Conn., at 79. A graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law, Mr. Ferraina practiced law, first in Hartford, Conn., and, later, for many years, in Windsor; early in his career, he served as a judge of the Windsor Municipal Court, prior to the reorganization of the court system. Mr. Ferraina’s community involvement included serving 10 years as a member of the Windsor Town Council, as well as an incorporator and a board chairman of the New England Bank & Trust. He was a parishioner of the Church of St. Gabriel and St. Joseph’s Church, both in Windsor. Mr. Ferraina had been a star athlete at his alma mater Weaver High School in Hartford. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; two sons; a daughter-in-law; his mother-in-law; a brother; a sister; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; five grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Charles E. Hart
Charles Hart, of Durwoody, Ga., died Feb. 25, 2012, at 83. A longtime insurance executive, Mr. Hart began his career with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., where he became the manager of the company’s Houston, Springfield, Mass., and Atlanta group offices. Relocating with his family to Dunwoody in 1967, he then served as the Southeastern and Southwestern regional group manager for Provident Mutual of Philadelphia. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Hart worked 10 years with CNA of Chicago as the Southern major group sales manager. He was an active member of St. Jude’s Apostle Church in Sandy Springs, Ga. Mr. Hart was a Navy veteran of the Korean War, assigned to the Pacific Fleet and serving in San Diego and at the Sangley Naval Air Station, Cavite City, Philippines. Mr. Hart is survived by his wife, Mildred; two sons; three daughters; their spouses; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

John T. Heffernan
John Heffernan, most recently of Bow, N.H., died May 5, 2012, at 80. During his career, Mr. Heffernan taught economics and statistics for 26 years at Assumption College, retiring as professor emeritus. He had earned his master’s degree in economics from Boston University and his Ph.D. from Clark University. Upon completing a year of study at Holy Cross, he attended the Maryknoll Seminary for five years. Mr. Heffernan is survived by his wife, Caroline; four sons; a daughter; their spouses; three brothers, including Michael A. ’53; three sisters; eight grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Francis F. Granato
Francis "Frank" Granato died Feb. 15, 2012, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Torrington, Conn., at 78. A longtime educator in Waterbury, Conn., Mr. Granato taught distributive education for 27 years at Wilby High School, retiring in 1998; he had previously served six years as a teacher at the Walsh Elementary School. During his career, Mr. Granato had also coached football for many years at Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury, serving as assistant coach, from 1962 to 1966, and head coach, from 1966 to 1992; he received numerous awards for his work. A star athlete at his alma mater Crosby High School in Waterbury, Mr. Granato played varsity football at Holy Cross. He was a Navy veteran, serving two years in Virginia Beach and attaining the rank of lieutenant junior grade. Mr. Granato is survived by his wife, Jean, four sons; three daughters, including Patti Lynch Gallucci ’87; three sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law; a sister, a brother-in-law; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Richard L. Kearney
Richard Kearney died March 1, 2012, in HealthAlliance Hospital Leominster (Mass.) Campus, at 80. During his career, Mr. Kearney had worked in sales and marketing for several companies, prior to retirement. He had been a parishioner of St. Leo’s Church in Leominster as well as a member of several church and community groups, including the Leominster Sportsmen’s Club and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Mr. Kearney was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Grace;
five sons; a daughter; two daughters-in-law; a brother; a sister-in-law; and nine grandchildren.

John M. Stellato

John Stellato, formerly of Worcester and Acushnet, Mass., died Jan. 18, 2012, in Venice (Fla.) Regional Hospital, at 78. During his career, Mr. Stellato served 25 years as the chief clerk magistrate of the Third District Court in New Bedford, Mass.; he retired to Florida in 2003. A graduate of Boston College Law School, Mr. Stellato served many years as an attorney-advocate with Onboard Legal Services, Inc. His interests included sailing, skiing and flying. Mr. Stellato is survived by his wife, Jeanette; three sons; a daughter; their spouses; two brothers, Robert P., D.D.S., ’57 and Michael J. Jr., ’73; a sister; an aunt, eight grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

1957

Stanley T. Pardo

Stanley Pardo, of Montclair, N.J., died April 7, 2012, at 76. Involved in the investment banking field for many years during his career, Mr. Pardo began working for Eastman Dillon, Union Securities & Co. in 1971, as vice president of public finance; four years later he was appointed executive vice president of the municipal bond division of the merged Blyth Eastman Dillon & Co., where he had also served as a director of the firm. In 1980, Mr. Pardo was named managing director of the public finance division of Blyth Eastman PaineWebber and, in 1983, chairman of the municipal securities group management committee at PaineWebber. He joined Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc. in 1985 as managing director of the public finance department. Mr. Pardo had been a member of the Public Securities Association’s public finance, membership and tax reform committees, as well as a member of the executive committee of the Securities Industry Association, of which he also served as a chairman in the 1980s. Prior to his retirement, he worked as a consultant for Ring, McAfee & Co., Inc. A 1963 graduate of Columbia University Law School, Mr. Pardo first worked eight years as an associate in the corporate department of the New York City law firm Breed, Abbott & Morgan. A Navy veteran, he served aboard the USS Canberra as a staff member of the Commander Cruiser Force of the Atlantic Fleet, attaining the rank of lieutenant; he later continued military service in the Naval Reserve, retiring in 1995 with the rank of commander. Mr. Pardo had been a member of the NROTC program as a student at Holy Cross. He had been a longtime, active parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Montclair. Mr. Pardo is survived by his wife, Mary Alyce; a son; three daughters; a son-in-law; a daughter-in-law; a brother, Joseph A., ’55; two sisters; and a grandson.

1958

Joseph F. McEnroe

Joseph McEnroe died March 29, 2012, at his home in Elkton, Fla., at 78. During his career, Mr. McEnroe served as a vice president and chief financial officer for Treasure Masters Corp. of Derry, N.H. Born in North Attleboro, Mass., he had lived in Londonderry, N.H., and Andover, Mass., prior to relocating to Elkton nine years ago. Mr. McEnroe is survived by his wife, Jeannette; a son; three daughters; a sister; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1962

Francis P. Millette, D.M.D.

Francis Millette, D.M.D., died March 9, 2012, at his home in Northampton, Mass., at 76. A 1962 graduate of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Dr. Millette had practiced dentistry in Northampton for 35 years. He was an Army veteran, serving two years as a captain in Germany. Dr. Millette had been a member of the Northampton Conservation Commission and the Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Easthampton, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Brenda; five sons; their spouses; 12 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Richard E. Knab, M.D.

Richard Knab, M.D., of Manchester, N.H., died Feb. 17, 2012, at 71. A longtime physician, Dr. Knab had most recently worked at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic in Manchester, N.H., specializing in general surgery and gastroenterology. At the start of his career, he practiced general surgery at Brockton (Mass.) Hospital, serving, during this time, as chief of surgery and, also, as associate professor of surgery at the Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Knab was a graduate of the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, in Hanover, N.H., and Harvard Medical School in Boston. A Navy veteran, he served as a lieutenant commander at the Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, N.C., during the Vietnam War. He had been an active member of Grace Episcopal Church in Manchester. Dr. Knab is survived by his wife, Janet; his father; two sons; two daughters; two brothers; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

Richard D. Schaab Sr.

Richard Schaab, a longtime resident of Ossining, N.Y., died April 18, 2012, at 71. During his career, Mr. Schaab had worked for the Westchester County Association in White Plains, N.Y., from 1986 to 2005, serving many years as vice president. He had previously been employed by Union Carbide, from 1966 to 1983. Mr. Schaab had been an active member of Junior Achievement of Westchester, Inc. and St. Augustine Church in Ossining. He was a Navy veteran, attaining the rank of lieutenant. Mr. Schaab is survived by his wife, Jane; a son; a daughter; and two sisters.

Robert A. Augelli

Robert Augelli died March 10, 2012, at his home in Whipsany, N.J., at 72. During his career, Mr. Augelli had worked for AAA in Florham Park, N.J. He was a longtime member and, also, chairman of the Landmark Commission of Hanover Township in New Jersey. Mr. Augelli received his master’s degree in history from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. A member of the NROTC program at Holy Cross, he received a degree in Civil War deployments in the 1960s. Mr. Augelli continued military service in the Naval Reserve, retiring in 1986 with the rank of commander. He is survived by his wife, Doris; two sons; two daughters; their spouses; three sisters; and seven grandchildren.

Robert J. Webster

Robert Webster died March 20, 2012, at his home in Alexandria, Va., at 71. A longtime patent attorney, Mr. Webster had been employed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C., from 1968 to 2004; subsequently entering into private practice, he retired in 2012 from the intellectual property law firm Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, in Falls Church, Va. An Air Force veteran, Mr. Webster served as a meteorologist in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 and, later, as a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps in the Reserve; retiring in the 1990s with the rank of colonel, he had been a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, among other honors. Mr. Webster was a 1972 graduate of the Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C. He was a member of St. Mary’s Church in Alexandria, Va., and Toastmasters International. Mr. Webster is survived by his wife, Catherine; two sons; a daughter; their spouses; and three grandchildren.

1964

William E. Howard Jr.

William “Bill” Howard, a longtime resident of Bordentown, N.J., died March 27, 2012, at Lourdes Medical Center in Williamsburg, N.J., at 69. Mr. Howard had worked many years for Johnson & Johnson, accepting a managerial position in the company’s baby products division in Princeton, N.J., after graduation and, later, becoming a manager of the toy division. Upon completion of military service as a first lieutenant in the Army, Mr. Howard resumed employment with Johnson & Johnson, relocating to Bordentown with his wife in 1971. A star athlete at his alma mater Notre Dame Academy in Batavia, N.Y., he received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Holy Cross in 1964 and his master’s degree in chemistry from the College in 1965. Mr. Howard had been a Holy Cross class agent. He is survived by his wife, Lourdes “Linda”; and four children.

John F. Wheaton

John Wheaton, of East Hampton, N.Y., died Feb. 5, 2012, at 69. A longtime insurance executive, Mr. Wheaton began his career with Aetna Life Insurance Co. Joining the Houston General Insurance Co. in the early 1970s as vice president of operations, he subsequently worked for W.R. Berkley Corp. and then returned to the Houston General/EQUITABLE General Insurance Group, becoming its president and chief executive officer. Mr. Wheaton later began his own company, Wheaton Enterprises Inc. in Chicago, specializing in insurance agency consulting, relocating to East Hampton in the early 1990s, he continued operations there. Mr. Wheaton is survived by his wife, Holly; two sons; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; a stepdaughter and her husband; and many grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

Sebastian P. Chiaramida

Sebastian Chiaramida, of Venice, Fla., died Feb. 25, 2012, at 67. Active in show business for 36 years, Mr. Chiaramida and his wife, Marcy, entertained locally and nationally as the cabaret duo, “Diva and the Italian Guy.” In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters; three granddaughters; and a sister.

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James F.X. Egan, M.D.
James Egan, M.D., formerly of Longmeadow, Mass., died March 19, 2012, at his home in Groton Long Point, Conn. A graduate of the Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., Dr. Egan practiced obstetrics/gynecology for 11 years in Springfield, Holyoke and Westfield, Mass. Upon completing a two-year fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in 1989, he became the director of maternal-fetal medicine at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn. Named the director of fetal echocardiography at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in 2003, Dr. Egan subsequently assumed the post of chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology; he retired from these positions in 2011. The recipient of numerous awards during his career; Dr. Egan played an active role in many professional associations, lectured and published extensively, and participated in medical mission trips to Haiti and the Dominican Republic. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. Dr. Egan had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. His interests included sailing and photography. Dr. Egan is survived by his wife, M. Patricia; two sons; John J. ’96 and Sean C. ’01; a daughter; a son-in-law; three daughters-in-law; two brothers, John J. ’66 and Richard T. ’67; two sisters; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; eight grandchildren; and 12 nephews and nieces. His father was the late James F. ’21.

1970
Harry J. McMichael
Harry McMichael died Feb. 1, 2012, in the Lydia Taft House, Uxbridge, Mass., at 63. During his career, Mr. McMichael had worked 28 years for the New England Telephone Co., retiring in 1996. He was a lifelong resident of Blackstone, Mass., where he belonged to St. Paul Parish. McMichael’s interests included golf, bowling, gardening, reading and cooking. He is survived by three brothers; two sisters; a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; and five nephews and nieces.

1971
Stephen B. Smith Sr.
Stephen Smith died Feb. 14, 2012, at his home in Hialeah, Fla., at 62. Mr. Smith received his master of business administration degree from the University of Connecticut. He was a 1967 graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury, Conn. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

1974
Stephen O. Kyle
Stephen Kyle, of Sandy Hook, Va., died Jan. 21, 2012, at 59. Involved in the restaurant business during his career, Mr. Kyle had worked at Tripp’s Restaurant in Richmond, Va., for the past 13 years. A longtime resident of New England, he relocated to Richmond 15 years ago. Mr. Kyle’s interests included hiking, bird watching and baseball. He is survived by three sisters; two nephews; and four nieces.

1975
Mark J. Iannini, M.D.
Mark Iannini, M.D., died March 28, 2012, in Tucson, Ariz., at 58. A rheumatologist, Dr. Iannini had maintained a medical practice in Tucson, while also offering free care in his specialty to Native Americans living on reservations in the area; he earned a master of public health degree at the University of Arizona. In addition, Dr. Iannini had practiced medicine for a short time in Austin, Texas, and on the island of Maui in Hawaii. A graduate of the Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., he completed training in internal medicine at Dartmouth-Mary Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire and Beth Israel Hospital in Boston; upon completion of the fellowship program in rheumatology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Dr. Iannini joined the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville as an assistant professor. He had been a member of the President’s Council at Holy Cross. Dr. Iannini is survived by two sons; four brothers, including George M., M.D., ’73; and numerous sisters-in-law; nephews, nieces, aunts and cousins.

1977
Keith D. Atkinson
Keith Atkinson died March 17, 2012, at the Brittany Farms Health Center in New Britain, Conn., at 56. During his career, Mr. Atkinson worked 21 years for the United States Postal Service in Meriden, Conn., prior to retirement. He is survived by a sister; a brother-in-law; two nephews; and a niece.

1992
Susan Nunn Slater
Susan Slater died April 9, 2012, in her home in Pennington, N.J., at 41. Receiving her master’s degree in education from Montclair (N.J.) State University, Ms. Slater taught English and Latin at several schools in New Jersey—Hillside High School, James Caldwell High School, St. Rose of Lima and the Academy of the Sacred Heart. Active in community service, she had been involved with nonprofit organizations through the Isles Youth Build Institute in Trenton, N.J., and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, also in New Jersey. Ms. Slater is survived by two sons; a daughter; her father.

Friends
I am a freelance writer, and I am going to tell you what that is like. Why? Maybe there’s a new graduate thinking about writing for a living. Or maybe there are readers who find stories about the Writing Life inherently fascinating.

This is the hope, at least. The first thing to know, and probably the most important, is: What is a freelancer? A freelancer is a contract worker. You have clients. These clients might be magazines, or design firms, or dentists or other enterprises. You are not a member of anyone’s staff. You are paid by the hour or by the project, and when you are done, you are gone, like a ghost. The only traces of your existence? Your work, and an invoice.

Some people say a freelance writer is a kind of hired gun. That’s true. We are a lot like hired guns. We are solitary creatures. We live by a code few people understand. Imagine Clint Eastwood when you think of us. Not octogenarian Clint Eastwood, with his pants pulled up past his belly button. Young Clint Eastwood, in a poncho, smoking a loosely rolled cigarette.

Now, there is a fine line between being a hired gun and simply wandering around shooting people. The former is a kind of unofficial title, bestowed through experience and training; the latter implies you’re possibly a lunatic. A similar distinction applies to freelance writing. Freelancers are made, not born. One must gain experience before going solo. But how do you gain experience without having experience? It is the Zen-like paradox each of us must navigate. “The path is no path,” said Guidance Counselor Buddha.

It was my former roommate, Eric, who introduced me to freelancing. I would come home from my day job in market research to find him at the desk in his bedroom eating a hamburger off a Styrofoam plate. He would tell me how he woke up at noon and how he hadn’t showered. This, he said, was “work.” “Teach me your ways,” I said one day.

Eric led me to my first client, a large Internet company that needed someone to edit listings on one of its websites. I did the work on weekends. The pay was good; money went straight into a PayPal account every week. Very hush-hush.

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After that first gig I found another. Then another, and another. I quit my day job. Burned all my khakis. I was a freelancer, and there was no going back. Being a freelance writer is different from other jobs. But it is not entirely different.

Sometimes my job looks like a traditional office job. I sit at a desk, type things on a computer, watch some YouTube videos, take a lunch break, then sit and type some more, then maybe go to dinner with my girlfriend or watch a movie. Office jobs are like this, too. It looks like you’re not working, but you’re actually kind of working.

Sometimes I work very hard, or work long hours. Email is a very important aspect of my life, just as it is for many other people. I own an iPhone, and I check my email on that regularly. Admit it: You do this too.

Beyond these basics, I’m afraid that’s where the similarities end.

One big difference is that I work from my apartment. Another difference is that I am my own boss. As such, it is important that I do not hate the boss.

You may have heard that freelancers work in their bathrobes or their underwear, and it’s true, we do that. But sometimes we must leave the house to go other places, like coffee shops, where we are forced to wear outside clothes, so we choose flannel, which is like street-legal pajamas, and all we talk about is how we can’t wait to get back home and into our intimates.

It can get lonely working at home. Sometimes it starts to feel like the movie Castaway. You are Tom Hanks, and your cat is Wilson the volleyball. You grow a long beard. The only difference between your life and Castaway is you have shelter, food, Internet and TV where you are, and are free to leave whenever you like. And instead of becoming sinewy and very tan, you grow soft and impossibly pale. Yes, freelance writing is almost exactly the same as Castaway.

Freelance writing is not for everyone. People who desire stability, human interaction or sunlight may find it a bad career and/or lifestyle choice. But if you enjoy personal freedom and not always wearing pants and, of course, writing, I strongly recommend it.

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Kimball Hall’s towering entry bears the inscription, Justitia eius manet in saeculum saeculi (His righteousness endures forever).
John Green ’16 plays the bagpipes after Inauguration Mass.