This year, for the first time, President’s Council members gathered on two separate evenings. Patron members of the Council gathered in Kimball Hall at Holy Cross on Nov. 2. President Michael McFarland, S.J. addressed the assembly, and members of the Jazz Ensemble, led by director Michael Monaghan, provided entertainment.

The second President’s Council dinner was held Nov. 9 in Hogan Ballroom. New members of Cornerstone, a recognition society for individuals whose lifetime giving to the College equals or exceeds $1 million, were inducted and thanked. Fr. McFarland spoke, and the Chamber Singers, directed by music professor Bruce Miller, performed.
Lift High the Cross Campaign

Cathy Dwyer Murphy ‘88 and Marty Murphy ‘88

Bob Danahy ’55, P’86 and Suzanne Noel

Bill ’70 and Kathryn Fox P’04, ’99; Vito ’70 and Nancy Virzi P’00, ’99; and Tom ’70 and Kathy Sullivan P’96, ’95

Paul LaCamera ’64, P’99, ’93, ’92 and Ron Maheu ’64, P’98, Jean Wilhelm and Frank Harvey ’64

Marie Lawler and Richard Manning Wall ’51


Robert and Michelle Atchinson P’05

Rev. Francis Miller, S.J., ’46 and Ann Jarrett
(top) Oct. 25: President McFarland hosted a reception for a group of parents prior to the "All Beethoven Concert" performed in the Chapel, part of Family Weekend at Holy Cross.

(left) This year’s Holiday Reception bringing together scholarship donors and award recipients was held in Loyola Hall on Dec. 11. Following the reception, the donors and scholars attended the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel.

(below) John ’73 and Monica Murphy P’99 hosted their seventh annual New York regional President’s Council event for distinguished, regent and benefactor’s circle members on Nov. 19. This year the Murphy Reception was held at The Rainbow Room, New York, NY.
In Matt’s Memory

An endowed financial aid scholarship fund has been created to honor and celebrate the life of the late Matthew H. McCann ’94, by his wife, Julia “Julie” Gentile McCann ’94, numerous classmates, friends and family. Gifts to the fund to date have reached $50,000; when the total reaches $125,000, a specific recipient will be identified. Preference in awarding the scholarship will be given to a student from Union County, N.J.—where Matthew spent most of his life—who has an interest in creative writing and/or German studies.

Matthew McCann died at the age of 30 in April 2002 after a battle with Hodgkin’s disease. In a letter to her classmates after Matt’s death, Julie wrote, “Matt was victorious over this disease, because, right up to the very end, he never lost his friendly smile, dignity, grace and faith. Only hours before he died, he was still receiving friends. He was the one to console their sense of loss and grief.”

Julie and Matt McCann

Gentile McCann says her husband was passionate about many things, including: food, skiing, New York City, writing, his family and friends and Holy Cross. That is why she decided to establish a perpetual scholarship in Matt’s memory at the College.

And how would Gentile McCann like Matt to be remembered? “I find that I have a choice as to how I remember Matt. Certainly, the strength, patience and perseverance Matt showed all of us throughout the last two years is remarkable, even heroic. Yet, I choose to remember Matt actively and with the enthusiasm for life that carried him through his very last days here with us.”

Donations in Matthew’s memory can be sent to the College Development Office, with a notation that the gift is for the Matthew H. McCann Memorial Scholarship Fund.

New Parents Council Co-Chairs Appointed

Robert and Michelle Atchinson P’05, have been appointed Parents Council Co-Chairs to succeed Robert and JoAnn Corti P ’03, ’99, who have served as co-chairs for the past four years. Members of the Parents Council are committed to supporting the Parents Fund, assisting with Admissions efforts, welcoming new parents, and providing career planning assistance to students.

The Atchinsons, of Lexington, Mass., have three children: Daniel ’05, Katherine and Chrissy.

Online Giving Arrives at Holy Cross

Tired of opening and saving, then losing, envelopes from the Holy Cross Fund? Alumni, parents and friends may now simplify the process and make gifts to the College online.

In Dec., the College went live with online giving, and Heather Maginnis ’01 was the first person to make a gift. Of her decision to give a credit card gift over the new secure site, Maginnis says, “I decided to give online because it was much more convenient. I had received all the Holy Cross Fund mailings at home, and I kept forgetting to write a check. I happened to be checking out the College Web site on my lunch break one day, saw the link to online giving, and just decided to give online instead—it was so simple.”

To follow Heather and make your gift online, visit www.holycross.edu/campaign.