Holy Cross

Review of Financial Results
As of and For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Pursuant to the requirements of An Act to Support Improved Financial Stability in Higher Education (Chapter 113 of the Acts of 2019), College of the Holy Cross (the College or Holy Cross) is pleased to report on its financial performance as of and for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2025.

The College concluded the fiscal year in a position of financial strength, marked by robust investment returns and prudent fiscal management. This performance provides a powerful foundation for advancing our Jesuit, Catholic mission and the ambitious goals of our Aspire strategic plan.

This summary is not designed to replace the detailed data provided in the College's annual audited financial statements and accompanying notes.

A Strong and Growing Financial Foundation:

- Total assets grew to approximately $1.8 billion (up 6.0%), with net assets of $1.5 billion (up 7.7%).
- Total liabilities decreased by approximately $7.2 million, attributable to scheduled debt payments and the return of federal funds as part of the winding down of the Federal Perkins Loan Program.
- Long-term investments reached $1.2 billion (up 8.8%), driven by an exceptional endowment return of 12.7% (net of fees), which surpassed our 10.7% policy benchmark.
- The College maintained its solid credit ratings from Moody's (Aa3) and S&P (AA-), with agencies citing Holy Cross' strong financial resources, consistent operating performance, and experienced management.
- An annual audit, conducted by KPMG, resulted in an unmodified opinion on our financial statements.

Key Drivers of Performance:

- The College generated an operating margin of $8.7 million (3.3%), a key source of funding that will be reinvested in our capital budget and strategic priorities.
- Revenue was primarily driven by a 6.5% increase in net student fees and increased

support from the endowment, guided by our disciplined spending policy.

- Expense growth was driven by planned increases in compensation, depreciation from our new residential facilities, and general inflation.
- The College's defined benefit pension plan remains in a position of record strength with a funded status of 115%, thanks to strong investment returns.

Directly Supporting the Holy Cross Mission

- Our financial strength directly supported our community, helping us provide nearly $85.2 million in financial assistance to students and uphold our commitment to meet 100% of demonstrated need of admitted students.
- New donor contributions totaled $25 million across all sources, including the annual fund, endowment, capital projects, and the Crusader Athletic Fund, demonstrating our community's enduring belief in our mission.

A Mission-Driven Strategy

Fiscal year 2025 demonstrated our financial growth and a steadfast dedication to our mission. We hold firmly to the Jesuit belief that education should be accessible and transformational. Academic excellence is the core of our identity, and we know that faculty, students, and staff are drawn to Holy Cross because of our commitment to fostering an intellectual and moral community that advances the common good.

The College's Aspire strategic plan invites us to deepen our investments in academic excellence so that Holy Cross may "offer a liberal arts education that is among the finest in the world." This financial strength is not an end but the engine that powers this bold vision, building on our core commitments as the nation's only exclusively undergraduate Jesuit, Catholic liberal arts college.

Holy Cross enters fiscal year 2026 from a position of strength. A history of consistent, positive operating results, combined with comprehensive financial planning and responsible stewardship, has enabled the College to thrive. Our continued focus on operating efficiencies, sustainability, and digital modernization will ensure that our resources are devoted to the highest strategic priorities as outlined in Aspire.