Holy Cross

Review of Financial Results
As of and For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

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, 2026.

The College concluded the fiscal year with a stronger balance sheet, driven by exceptional investment returns and generous philanthropic support, and with a modest operating surplus as compensation costs and student financial aid grew faster than student revenue. This performance supports the Jesuit, Catholic mission and the goals of the 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 $1.98 billion (up 12.1%), with net assets of $1.72 billion (up 14.3%).
- Total liabilities were essentially flat at $259.3 million, about $1.3 million lower than the prior year. Scheduled debt payments and the continued return of federal Perkins funds were largely offset by higher accounts payable and accrued expenses.
- Long-term investments reached $1.40 billion (up 14.9%). Net return on long-term investments was $192.7 million, compared with $130.7 million in fiscal year 2025. Endowment net assets, including board-designated funds, grew 14.9% to $1.39 billion after $53.0 million was appropriated for spending and $39.5 million in new endowment gifts was received.
- Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash increased to $75.5 million from $64.0 million, and the pension plan's net asset rose to $14.3 million from $11.2 million.
- An annual audit, conducted by KPMG, resulted in an unmodified opinion on our financial statements, dated October 30, 2026.

Key Drivers of Performance:

- The College generated an operating surplus of $1.8 million (0.7% of operating revenue), compared with $8.9 million (3.3%) in fiscal year 2025.
- Net student revenue grew 3.3% to $182.1 million, with net tuition and fees up 3.3% and net residence and dining fees up 3.2%. Support from the endowment increased 10.4% to

$52.0 million, guided by our disciplined spending policy, and annual fund giving rose 8.7% to $11.0 million.

- Operating expenses grew 6.9% to $276.4 million. Salaries and wages rose 9.5% and employee benefits rose 9.9%, reflecting planned compensation increases. Supplies, services, and other expenses grew 4.2% and depreciation grew 4.8%, while borrowing costs fell 8.6% to $8.1 million.
- The College's defined benefit pension plan remains in a position of strength with a funded status of 119% ($89.3 million in plan assets against a $75.0 million benefit obligation).

Directly Supporting the Holy Cross Mission

- Our financial strength directly supported our community, helping us provide approximately $94.3 million in institutional financial assistance to students, up 10.5% from $85.3 million. Student aid applied against published charges was $88.2 million for tuition and fees and $6.1 million for residence and dining.
- Contributions recognized during the year totaled $91.2 million across all sources, including $11.0 million for the annual fund and $80.2 million of other gifts for endowment, capital projects, and other purposes. On the same basis, fiscal year 2025 contributions were $35.0 million. Net contributions receivable grew to $21.7 million from $12.1 million.

A Mission-Driven Strategy

Fiscal year 2026 demonstrated both the growth of our financial resources and our 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. Strong investment returns and philanthropy have strengthened the foundation for that vision. Because compensation and financial aid are growing faster than student revenue, the College will continue its focus on operating efficiencies, sustainability, and digital modernization so that resources are devoted to the highest strategic priorities. The July 2026 refunding gives the College a simpler, fixed-rate debt structure as it enters fiscal year 2027.

Holy Cross enters fiscal year 2027 from a position of strength, with net assets of $1.72 billion. A continued record of positive operating results, combined with comprehensive financial planning and responsible stewardship, has enabled the College to thrive. Our focus on operating efficiencies, sustainability, and digital modernization will ensure that our resources are devoted to the highest strategic priorities as outlined in Aspire.