

# Holy Cross

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## True Humility is Not a Retreat From Success

Shortly after beginning my tenure as president of Holy Cross, I was asked to contribute to this year's "Return to Me: Lenten Reflections from Holy Cross." As many of you know, Return to Me is a wonderful resource

produced by the Office of Mission. Designed for use during the holy season of Lent, daily personal reflections are written by members of the Holy Cross community – faculty, staff, students and alumni.

I was assigned Ash Wednesday, with a Gospel reading from Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18. In the passage, Jesus says to his

disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father."

The message has always resonated with me, but, perhaps, not for the reasons one may think. Like many Catholics, I was taught the virtue of humility by my church and, more emphatically, by my parents. As a child, I enjoyed quiet obscurity and happily performed my

President Vincent D. Rougeau delivers a reading during the College's 43rd annual Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols on Dec. 9, 2021.



righteous deeds in the shadows. It was only as I progressed through life that I was challenged to balance my desire to stand out – as a law student, young attorney, tenured professor, dean and, now, college president – with Jesus' admonition for restraint.

That's why Matthew's words are so meaningful to me. They represent the glorious complexity of our Catholic faith. Consider Pope Francis, a Jesuit known broadly for his humble piety.

His choice of papal name honors the austere St. Francis of Assisi, and the pope's first audiences included the sick, poor and incarcerated. He even endearingly renounced the bulletproof "pope-mobile" for a modest Fiat (later upgrading to a zero-emissions vehicle with a recycled, sustainable interior).

Yet Pope Francis confidently assumed the role of pontiff and became one of the most powerful and recognized men in the world. He has used his pulpit to take bold stances for the marginalized and against the status quo. He teaches us that true humility is not a retreat from success, but an awareness of our achievements within our communities, a need to both serve and benefit from the service of others, and a belief in grace and forgiveness.

We will heed Pope Francis' actions as we advance the mission of Holy Cross. We are enormously proud of our many institutional accomplishments. We are a highly selective institution, celebrated for our strong liberal arts curriculum, value and affordability, student service and depth of study abroad opportunities.

Proverbs 27:2 tell us: "Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips." So, we are grateful when Architectural Digest lauds our beautiful campus, Bon Appetit celebrates our healthy dining options and Money magazine compliments our exceptional return on investment. Year after year, our alumni rank among the most generous in the nation, a reflection of their pride and confidence in alma mater.

We must give ourselves permission to tout our superlatives by viewing them in the context of our shared humanity. Yes, we are proud to meet 100% of every student's demonstrated financial need because it means we can live our mission and open our doors to the most promising students regardless of their ability to pay.

We are grateful for the fitness and

recreation complex, affectionately known as The Jo, because it encourages healthy behaviors and provides a place to connect and unwind. The mindful habits students develop here will benefit them throughout their lives and enable them to be better leaders, philanthropists, partners or parents.

We celebrate our sports teams when they compete, our musicians and thespians when they perform, and our student volunteers when they serve. Their efforts reflect teamwork, selflessness, and a willingness to entertain and enrich the lives of others. The list goes on.

Our desire to more vigorously promote our distinctive strengths has roots in our need to relentlessly improve – enroll more students across the full socioeconomic spectrum, continue to increase our diversity and ensure that all members of our community thrive, further limit student debt, and augment our partnerships with the Worcester community. We pursue these goals not in isolation, but with a humility grounded by a Jesuit, Catholic faith that believes there is always more to learn, appreciate, contemplate, share and celebrate.

My Return to Me reflection encourages our students to praise the understated who quietly pursue God's path and to understand that all of us will be challenged to find balance and humility in our lives. When we share our strengths and use our gifts in service to others, we will be rewarded. ■

With hope for the future,

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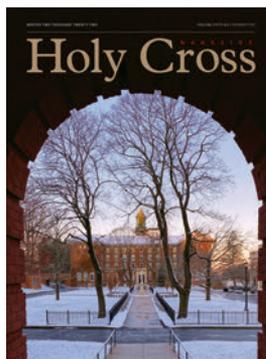
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A wintery view of Carlin Hall, which turns 100 this year, photographed by **Alison Howard '23**: "I was walking out of my dorm, Alumni Hall, at 7:25 a.m., the morning after the first snowfall of the year. I thought the snow and the sunrise looked beautiful, so I snapped a quick picture."

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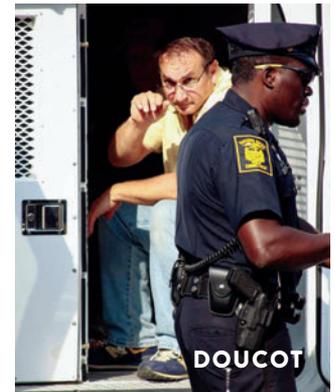
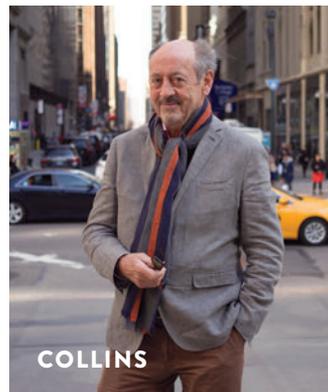
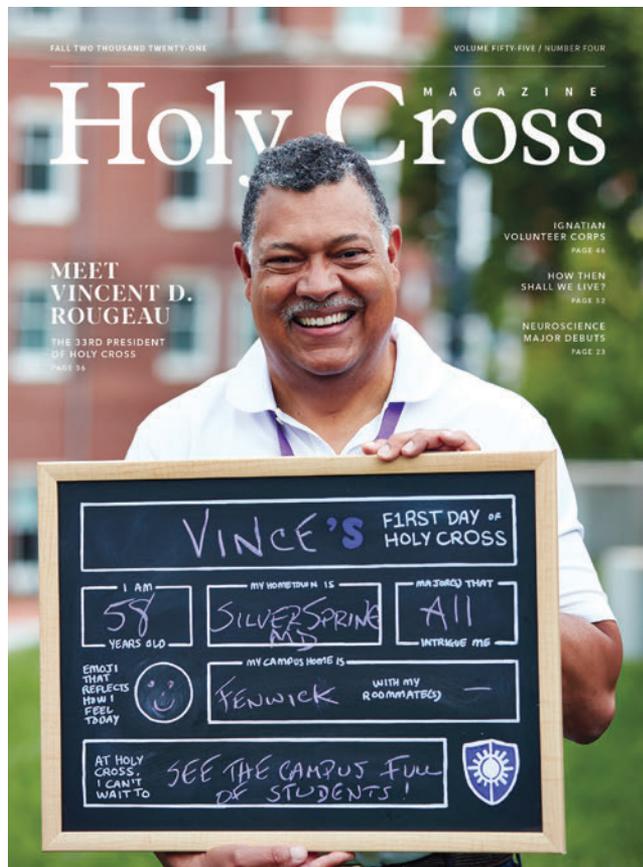
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## Conviction and Courage

Thank you for the article “How, Then, Shall We Live?” by Marybeth Reilly-McGreen ’89 (Fall 2021, Page 50), which focused on the incredible activism being done by seven Holy Cross alumni. I was pleased to see Christopher Doucot ’89 as one of the featured graduates.

Christopher was a classmate of mine. I remember that he was an activist even as a student. He took on a variety of issues from environmental issues, like protesting the use of Styrofoam containers at fast-food restaurants, to peaceable anti-war demonstrations outside of ROTC functions.

He always did so in a nonviolent, respectfully confrontational way. His goal was to draw attention to the problem and

encourage conversation, not make enemies. I admired his conviction and courage, even if my views were different from his.

Jill Catalano Feig ’89  
*Helotes, Texas*

## A Salute to Col. Roddy

Many thanks for the article about Col. Patrick Roddy Jr. ’99 (“Meet the Link Between the Army’s Oldest Active-Duty Regiment and Holy Cross,” Fall 2021, Page 74)! I was thrilled to see it! Hope the Army has been able to recruit more students such as himself. Thanks for another great issue of the Holy Cross Magazine.

LTC (Ret) TC Kelvin L. MacKavanagh, USAR, ’59  
*Berlin, New Jersey*

## New Podcast is Time Well Spent

The Holy Cross Magazine Podcast is a wonderful idea (“The New Holy Cross Magazine Podcast,” Fall 2021, Page 68). The verbal discussion gives us perspectives and depth of connectivity lost to the written word. It can be a significant enhancement to being in touch with alumni. Congratulations!

And having Billy Collins ’63 discussing his poem on 9/11 is a stroke of genius. He is so gentle to listen to, even as he discusses his poem on a national tragedy. His poems go from finite objects to universal truths. Here we go from the horrific event to broad understanding ... as we learn a lot about writing poetry along the way. Unfortunately, I didn’t know Billy when we were at The Cross; I’ve been intrigued by his poetry over the years.

Thanks for continuing the fine work you’re doing.

Art Maurer ’62  
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## Errata

The Purple Patcher photo of James H. Murphy, D.D.S., ’50 was incorrectly published (“In Memoriam,” Fall 2021, Page 86).

The story “Meet the Link Between the Army’s Oldest Active-Duty Regiment and Holy Cross” (Fall 2021, Page 74) contained an error. Dover Air Force Base is located in Dover, Delaware. ■

## We Want Your Letters!

Whether it is a response to something you read, Mystery Photo identification, Milestones submission or a story idea, drop us a line!



# Purple Patchers Are on The Way, And There's Still Time to Request One

**W**e received more than 70 requests for Purple Patchers from alumni and friends, who either lost their copy or never received one.

We wanted to fulfill these requests before the holidays, but were unable to due to a shortened production schedule for this issue. Therefore, for the

requests we could fulfill, we will be mailing those copies starting in January. Those of you who will be receiving an issue will get an email informing you that yours is on the way. We're sorry we could not get everyone their requested year (but we got close!).

If you missed the announcement, there is still time to request a yearbook. Below is the inventory of the remaining years we have to distribute:

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## Buckle Up For a Busy 2022

I knew the fall 2021 semester would be a whirlwind, but I admit it still took me by surprise.

Students, faculty and staff were fully back to work, and business was about as usual as you could get given the times. Alumni were enthusiastically back on The Hill for sporting events, performances, speakers and more – not to mention the incredibly well-attended Homecoming, presidential inauguration and Family Weekend events that sported such perfect New England fall weather you'd think there was a weather machine stashed away in Smith Labs.

Campus was open for business – safely and with a few simple precautions – and business was good. But, as busy and action-packed as last semester was, I feel like it might pale in comparison when side by side with 2022, which has, at this writing, at least

three major milestones coming up:

First is the 50th anniversary of the College's groundbreaking Washington Semester Program, which has combined rigorous academics with rare internship opportunities and has impacted Crusaders' lives in countless ways for half a century. Celebrations in Washington, D.C., and on campus will be held later this spring, and you'll be reading more about that in the spring 2022 issue. I've talked with many alums while working on Holy Cross Magazine and I've lost count of the number who have namechecked the D.C. program as one of the most influential – if not the most influential – experiences in their life.

This Fall, the College will begin celebrating the 50th anniversary of co-education on Mount St. James. This historic decision changed generations and the College. It will be exciting to dive deep into this content because I know there are many amazing, untold stories to tell.

And, later this year, Holy Cross will host an event it has been anticipating for nearly a decade: the grand opening of the Prior Performing Arts Center (*above*). Get anywhere north

of Dinand and it's hard to miss the 84,000-square-foot building, which is incredibly striking (and can also be seen as you drive on Route 290). Many of us have had a front-row seat to its evolution from the initial groundbreaking three years ago (not to mention the ledge blasting that shook Hogan – and those of us who work in the building), transforming from a steel skeleton to the sleek structure that stands today. And the beauty exemplified by the building itself may be overshadowed by that which is created within its walls by students, faculty and visiting artists. It will be wonderful to see its creative spaces bustle with students and visitors.

And those are “only” three areas on deck for this year. Add in the exciting developments, projects and plans in the works from all corners of campus, not to mention the president and his leadership team, and you're looking at a historic year in the making. ■

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### AVANELL CHANG

*Multimedia Producer*

has been busy these past few months. She and her husband, Daniel, have welcomed a new member to their family, K. He's an adorable, happy and very busy 15-month-old at the moment, so they have their hands full. They're looking forward to adopting him sometime this year and are thrilled to start off as his foster parents.

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## Looking for Examine Writers

**H**oly Cross Magazine is looking for writers for our Examine feature, in which alumni share their personal or professional expertise to help dispel misconceptions and consider topics in a new light. Have an idea for a piece? Email [hcmag@holycross.edu](mailto:hcmag@holycross.edu). ■





Students gather on Linden Lane in December for a beloved College Advent tradition, the annual tree lighting.



# Rougeau Inaugurated as 33rd President of Holy Cross

Vincent D. “Vince” Rougeau was installed as Holy Cross’ 33rd president – the first lay and first Black president to lead the 178-year-old institution – on Oct. 22, 2021, in a ceremony punctuated by inspirational words and feelings of excitement and hope.

The installation, held in the Hart Center at the Luth Athletic Complex, put the ceremonial stamp on a tenure that began July 1, 2021, when Rougeau took over from his predecessor, Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., who was also in attendance.

A nationally respected expert in legal education and Catholic social thought, Rougeau was dean of Boston College Law School and inaugural director of the new Boston College Forum on Racial Justice in America prior to his arrival at Holy Cross. He currently also serves as president of the Association of American Law Schools.

The Very Rev. Joseph M. O’Keefe, S.J., ’76, provincial of the USA East Province of the Society of Jesus, welcomed Rougeau to his ministry as president during the installation ceremony.

Fr. O’Keefe, who worked with Rougeau at Boston College, said Rougeau has “the skills and insights to affirm the Catholic, Jesuit and Ignatian mission of this school in the ways that are open to knowledge, dedicated to the pursuit of faith and the struggle for justice, and conscious of the importance of a liberal arts education.”

In his presidential address, Rougeau spoke about the challenges ahead for higher education and underscored the importance of making sure it is a setting in which people of all backgrounds can participate in the pursuit of social justice.

“This is our enduring mission, guided by our Catholic faith and reflecting the changing times,” Rougeau said. “This is a

moment of opportunity, of audacious hope and belief in the transformative power of education. This is a day when a Black layman from the South can lead a Jesuit college in New England.”

Rougeau, with his family in attendance, including his mother, Shirley, father, Weldon, stepmother, Shirley, wife, Robin Kornegay-Rougeau, M.D., and sons, Christian, Alex and Vincent Jr., shared his bold vision for the College, one rooted in the enduring values of a Jesuit, Catholic, liberal arts education.

“Through a dynamic expression of today’s Jesuit mission, we will lead Holy Cross to realize its full potential as one of the finest liberal arts institutions in the world,” Rougeau said. “At Holy Cross, we accept that our world is knotty and imperfect. We believe that the best preparation for the challenges of the 21st century is a broad liberal education rooted in discovery and amplified by our Catholic intellectual traditions.”

Attending the installation were Holy Cross faculty, staff, students and alumni; members of the Worcester community and beyond, including representatives from colleges and universities throughout the country; Worcester Mayor Joseph Petty; and Most Rev. Robert Joseph McManus, S.T.D., bishop of the Diocese of Worcester, among others.

Richard H. Patterson ’80, chair of the Holy Cross board of trustees, shared his endorsement and enthusiasm for the College’s new leader.

“We are fortunate to have a leader who has the skill, talent and moral compass to face the challenges ahead,” Patterson told the audience of 900. “With Vince Rougeau, we have a leader whose intimate knowledge of higher education, whose faith and commitment to Catholic social teaching ... whose ability to communicate

effectively to diverse audiences ... and whose perspectives on today’s complex global issues will serve us very, very well.”

“As graduates, we appreciate how special Holy Cross is both as an institution for higher learning and, more importantly, as a community,” said Laura Cutone Godwin ’96, president of the Holy Cross Alumni Association. “As we begin an exciting new chapter in the College’s history, we look forward to working with President Rougeau as he implements his vision for the future of Holy Cross.”

The speakers’ enthusiasm was earlier mirrored by the crowds of students wearing matching purple shirts lining the processional path between the Hogan Campus Center and the Luth Athletic Complex, as well as Student Government Association co-presidents Maggie Ober ’22 and Connor McNerney ’22 in their remarks at the event.

“President Rougeau, with not even a full semester completed, your presence here on The Hill has been clearly felt,” Ober said. “From meeting with various student groups on campus, tailgating at Freshman Field and greeting alumni from far and wide, Crusaders past and present alike have been able to get to know your kindness and generosity.”

“Entrusting the College’s leadership to Vincent Rougeau is an inspired choice,” said Cutberto Garza, M.D., former provost and dean of faculties at Boston College, who gave the inaugural address. “His embrace of the positive roles played by higher education, his deep and pragmatic understanding of what is needed to overcome higher education’s past shortcomings, of the concrete steps needed to sustain past successes and of the effort needed to keep one’s eyes from straying from the prize, and the talents required so as to not waver in moving toward it: All of this augurs well for Holy Cross.” ■

*For full coverage of inauguration week, download the commemorative publication, **Audacious Hope: The Inauguration of Vincent D. Rougeau**, at: [holycross.edu/audacioushope](http://holycross.edu/audacioushope).*



## 30 Inducted Into Jesuit Honor Society

**T**hirty members of the class of 2022, pictured above with Margaret Freije, provost and dean of the College, were inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society, at a ceremony held on Oct. 24, 2021, in Rehm Library.

Selection is one of the highest honors that can be given at a Jesuit college. Candidates for membership are selected from the top 15% of their class, and from this group, membership is awarded to only 4%.

In addition to the student inductees, three members of the College community were inducted as honorary members: **President Vincent D. Rougeau**, **Amber Hupp**, associate

professor and chair of the chemistry department, and **Stephanie Clark**, program coordinator and lecturer in the deaf studies and sign languages department.

Alpha Sigma Nu encourages its members to embrace a lifetime pursuit of intellectual development, deepening Ignatian spirituality, service to others and a commitment to the core principles of a Jesuit education.

### THE 2021 INDUCTEES INCLUDE

**William Baschwitz:** *Croton-on-Hudson, New York*, English major, education minor  
**Kerry Bresnahan:** *Osterville, Massachusetts*, biology major, environmental studies minor  
**Julie Brewer:** *Arlington, Virginia*, psychology major, neuroscience minor  
**Jocelyn Buggy:** *Darien, Connecticut*, history major, religious studies and education double minor  
**Julia Cashman:** *Worcester*, sociology major  
**Andrew Corbett:** *Norwell, Massachusetts*,

chemistry major, neuroscience minor  
**Stephen Dierkes:** *Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania*, classics major  
**Molly Doyle:** *West Newfield, Maine*, history major, peace and conflict studies and social justice concentration  
**Michael Elacqua:** *Utica, New York*, psychology major  
**Sara Guay:** *Concord, New Hampshire*, biology major, biochemistry concentration  
**Margaret Haley:** *East Weymouth, Massachusetts*, computer science major, statistics minor  
**William Hamilton:** *Andover, Massachusetts*, English and political science double major, rhetoric and composition minor  
**Kathryn Hauver:** *Shrewsbury, Massachusetts*, sociology major, business, ethics, and society minor  
**Emma Keane:** *Whitestone, New York*, psychology and German double major  
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double major

**John Larsen:** *Rumford, Rhode Island*, Asian studies and history double major, peace and conflict studies concentration

**Clare Lawler:** *Winchester, Massachusetts*, English major, peace and conflict studies concentration

**Michael Luciano:** *North Reading, Massachusetts*, economics and mathematics double major

**Monica Nakhla:** *North Attleboro, Massachusetts*, biology major, deaf studies and American sign language minor

**Matthew Robertson:** *Westford, Massachusetts*, chemistry major, anthropology minor

**Aidan Ruppert:** *Rochester, New York*, psychology and sociology major, German minor

**Anne-Catherine Schaaf:** *Westfield, New York*, classics major; gender, sexuality, and women's studies concentration

**Lindsay Spallone:** *Ridgefield, Connecticut*, political science and Spanish double major

**Ramses Taveras:** *New Haven, Connecticut*, economics and international studies double major

**Emily Taylor:** *Hopkinton, Massachusetts*, psychology major, neuroscience minor

**Lindsay Vacca:** *Canton, Connecticut*, accounting major

**Lauren Vitelli:** *West Hartford, Connecticut*, psychology and deaf studies and American sign language double major

**Amanda Wilderman:** *Westbrook, Connecticut*, political science major, deaf studies and American sign language minor, peace and conflict studies concentration

**Mary Woodall:** *Summit, New Jersey*, religious studies major; gender, sexuality, and women's studies concentration

At the ceremony, it was also announced that the following students will serve as executive board officers: Dierkes, president; Vitelli, vice president; Wilderman, secretary; Ruppert, treasurer. ■



## College Hires Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Holy Cross announced the hiring of Tomicka Wagstaff as the College's new vice provost for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in December 2021.

Wagstaff, who previously served as assistant vice president for student access and success at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), begins her work on campus in January. As vice provost for DEI – a new position at Holy Cross – she will provide leadership and strategic direction for the College's efforts to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

"We are thrilled to welcome Tomicka Wagstaff to Holy Cross as our new vice provost," President Vincent D. Rougeau says. "Dr. Wagstaff distinguished herself from other finalists through her creative and calculable DEI work, and nationally respected experience in promoting anti-racism and inclusion on a college campus. I know Tomicka will be a fearless advocate for our community and will provide the leadership necessary to embolden our community to continue to make real, meaningful and lasting change."

While at RIT, Wagstaff created and implemented DEI curriculum and oversaw data-driven programs and initiatives focused on the elimination of student achievement gaps, which led to a 15% jump in graduation rates among underrepresented students.

Wagstaff received her B.S. in sociology and her master's in student personnel administration from Buffalo State College and her doctorate in higher education from the University of Rochester.

"It is truly an honor and a blessing to be joining the Holy Cross family as the vice provost for diversity, equity and inclusion," Wagstaff says. "There has already been a lot of intentional and meaningful work done in the area of DEI. I look forward to being a thought partner with campus stakeholders as I aim to create a culture of care and belonging for all community members."

Over the past several years, Holy Cross has focused heavily on DEI initiatives. The College recently implemented an Anti-Racism Action Plan and established a permanent DEI committee on the board of trustees. Over the past five years, 36% of Holy Cross' tenure-track faculty hires self-identify as African American or Black; Hispanic or Latinx; Asian, Asian American or Pacific Islander; or multiracial. ■



## NBA's Kate Jhaveri '95 Talks Leadership at 16th Annual Women in Business Conference

**K**ate Jhaveri '95, executive vice president and chief marketing officer of the NBA (above, right), has always loved team sports. Rowing alongside her teammates at Holy Cross remains one of her favorite memories from her time on The Hill. It also inspires how she leads global marketing operations for the NBA today, she said during her keynote talk at the 16th annual Women in Business Conference, held on campus and virtually on Nov. 13, 2021.

"What leading really comes back to is a deep understanding of the people that you work with every day," Jhaveri told attendees of the hybrid conference, hosted by the College's Ciocca Center for Business, Ethics, and Society.

In the end, what matters is "how you can bring everybody along with you," she explained.

Nalani Ramos Ruiz '21, a member of the Holy Cross board of trustees and former Women in Business Committee co-chair, led the fireside chat and Q&A session.

Before joining the NBA in 2019, Jhaveri worked in high-profile marketing roles for tech giants, such as Twitch, Twitter, Facebook, Microsoft and Dell. One question – "How much can I learn?" – guided each career move.

"I could have stayed in tech for the rest of my career," she said. "But what I really was excited about was what I could learn at the NBA."

Jhaveri has since tackled unique, creative challenges, like celebrating the NBA's 75th anniversary season last year with a fandom that spans generations. "Kids today think Michael Jordan makes sneakers," Jhaveri laughed. "They don't even know that he was a tremendous player."

And when it came to fighting for racial justice, "we also were really on the frontlines," Jhaveri said.

### HYBRID OFFERINGS EXPAND CONFERENCE'S REACH

Drawing hundreds of participants from across the country and beyond, this year's Women in Business conference

followed a hybrid model, with on-campus and virtual events, including dynamic speakers, industry-specific breakout discussions and networking opportunities via the Whova app and Zoom.

"This year, students were able to create community together on campus while alumnae were able to join virtually, allowing us to stay safe while also creating meaningful connections and lasting memories," said Cassie Gevry, associate director for the Ciocca Center. "We look forward to bringing the community together again while still offering the virtual option to welcome everyone to contribute to the important conversations and support each other."

Session topics ranged from mindful leadership to tackling your first 100 days at a new job.

"Women in Business has opened multiple opportunities for me in my four years here on The Hill. It has not only allowed me to build my network, but it has also created a family in both my fellow students and alumnae," said Mary Anne Wiley '22, an economics major and student organizer of the conference. "It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside both alumnae and students to create year after year an incredible conference, despite challenges brought on by COVID." ■



## College Honors Community Partners

In October, President Vincent D. Rougeau and members of the College community hosted a reception at Polar Park, celebrating the organizations across Worcester that host its students in internships, academic research, community-based learning, community service and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. ■



## American Politics and the Catholic Church

What has American politics done to the Catholic Church? President Vincent D. Rougeau led a discussion on Nov. 16, 2021, in Rehm Library to consider that question. Joining him were Ross Douthat, a columnist for the New York Times and author of “To Change the Church: Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism,” (*at left*) and Matthew Sitman, associate editor of *Commonweal* and co-host of the “Know Your Enemy” podcast (*at right*). The three discussed the entanglements of politics and religion, advantages and drawbacks, and whether and how to decouple them. The event can be viewed at [holycross.edu/hcm/roundtable](http://holycross.edu/hcm/roundtable). ■



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## Students, Alumnus Receive Distinguished Scholarships

**J**eff Reppucci '14, a Russian studies major at Holy Cross, has been selected for the newest cohort of the prestigious Knight-Hennessy Scholars program.

The cohort of 76 scholars – selected from a pool of 6,171 applicants – includes participants from 26 countries, with each recipient receiving funding for one of 37 graduate degree programs at Stanford University.

Worth approximately \$350,000, the award will cover tuition, travel, books and living costs, and will fund Reppucci's master's in business administration and master's in public policy degrees at Stanford. In addition to the funding, Reppucci will also be able to participate in leadership development programs, international trips and a multidisciplinary cohort of fellow scholars across Stanford's seven graduate schools.

The Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program was founded in 2016 to support and fund graduate students at Stanford. Every year, high-achieving students from around the world receive full funding to pursue any graduate degree at Stanford, as well as joint- and dual-

degrees. Knight-Hennessy Scholars is the largest fully endowed scholars program in the world.

"I am overwhelmingly grateful to be joining the diverse, global community of Knight-Hennessy Scholars," Reppucci says. "This funding and leadership curriculum will hopefully enable me to be an effective leader in public sector innovation someday. I am very proud to represent Holy Cross at Stanford, and I cannot thank the advisors, professors, coaches and fellow alumni of Holy Cross enough for their mentorship and friendship throughout the past 10 years."

In addition to being a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship (twice) and the John Wooden Award for public service among college athletes, Reppucci's honors include the Kathryn Wasserman Davis Fellowships for Peace for language study at Middlebury College, the Kathryn Davis 100 Projects for Peace (in Russia), the Truman Scholarship for public service, the NCAA's Hockey Humanitarian Award and the Fulbright Scholarship to Argentina. But, perhaps, Reppucci is best known for founding Working for Worcester, an annual event that brings

volunteers together for a build day to complete projects that create or revitalize play and educational spaces for the city's children.

"The Knight-Hennessy award caps off Jeff's illustrious fellowships career at Holy Cross, where he is the most decorated undergraduate in the College's history," said Anthony B. Cashman, director of the Office of Distinguished Fellowships and Graduate Studies at the College.

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

Three members of the class of 2021 have been awarded Fulbright grants to teach or conduct research abroad during the 2021-22 academic year. This year's recipients are headed to Argentina, Spain and South Korea.

#### Helen Conroy '21

##### *Argentina*

A mathematics major from Albany, New York, Conroy has been awarded a Fulbright grant to teach English in Argentina. Passionate about public speaking and teaching, she is thrilled to head back to Argentina.

"After my study abroad experience was cut short due to COVID-19 in March 2020, I knew I had to find my way back to Argentina," she says. "During the Fulbright scholarship, I will participate in a cultural exchange of theories and practices regarding gender and sexuality across borders while learning

one another's languages."

Following her Fulbright experience, Conroy plans to continue teaching and eventually work toward a doctorate degree in gender, sexuality and women's studies.

### **Emily Cook '21**

#### *Spain*

Cook, a Spanish major from Whitman, Massachusetts, has received a Fulbright grant to teach English in Spain.

"The Fulbright grant was the perfect opportunity to combine my love of working with children and participating in active cultural exchanges," Cook says. "I am excited to continue debunking cultural stereotypes of both the United States and Spain and work with students of all ages."

Following her Fulbright experience, Cook plans to continue working as an EMT and begin the medical school application process. Her ultimate goal is to become a bilingual pediatric oncologist or cardiologist.

### **Madeleine Fontenay '21**

#### *South Korea*

Fontenay, an English major from Carmel, California, received a Fulbright grant to serve as an English teaching assistant in South Korea. Her selection as a Fulbright fellow continues her love of travel and cultural exchanges, which included her Maymester in Rome and a junior year study abroad in León, Spain.

"I am so honored and excited to have this opportunity to experience South Korea for a year," Fontenay says. "As a historian, I am looking forward to learning more about South Korea's traditional culture, food, dress, markets and history, along with its modern place in the world through the people I meet."

Following her Fulbright experience, Fontenay plans to attend graduate school for education.

In addition to the class of 2021 recipients, **Emily Rothmann '20**, a biology major from Andover, Massachusetts, was also awarded a Fulbright. Rothmann, who received the award last year but was unable to travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be teaching English at a nursing school in the Czech Republic.

Holy Cross has consistently been among the nation's top producers of Fulbright students at the undergraduate level, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The College has produced more than 55 Fulbright applicants and 26 semi-finalists over the past year alone.

"Holy Cross prepares our students so well to travel the world for research, study and English teaching," Cashman says. "I am proud that, in my 13 years as the director of distinguished fellowships, we have sent 100 Fulbright scholars to more than 35 countries."

The Fulbright program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, is widely recognized as the most prestigious international exchange program in the world. The highly competitive grants are awarded on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential.

Each year, approximately 1,900 grants are awarded through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, which offers opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching and primary and secondary school teaching in more than 140 countries worldwide. ■

## 'Return to Me' Offered for Lent 2022

**H**oly Cross will once again offer a daily digital reflection series for the holy season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2 and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 17.

Each day, subscribers will receive a reflection on the reading of the day written by Holy Cross faculty, students, chaplains, staff and alumni. This will be the eighth annual offering of "Return to Me: Lenten Reflections from Holy Cross," which has welcomed thousands of participants each year.

Here's what some past recipients have said about the experience:

"Thank you for sharing this Lenten journey with me, an alumna. Often, after a long day at the clinic or teaching my medical students, I found inspiration in the reading and reflection awaiting me in the email. This email Lenten series has been one of the best connections I have had with Holy Cross since my student years; I felt like HC put effort into caring for my spirituality."  
– Alumna, class of 1980

"I wish to express my thanks for the daily Lenten meditations this year. I found them well done, some provocative and all of them uplifting. Your work certainly made Lent that much richer for me." – Alumna, class of 1958

"Thank you for the thoughtful meditations throughout Lent. Hearing different voices sharing their insights challenged me to consider and act on the invitations of the Lenten readings." – Mother and grandmother of alumni ■

To sign up for the daily Lenten reflection email, fill out the form at [holycross.edu/hcm/returntome](https://holycross.edu/hcm/returntome). If you have any questions, email [returntome@holycross.edu](mailto:returntome@holycross.edu).



## Holy Cross Honored as ‘Green College’ For 12th Consecutive Year

**H**oly Cross has once again been recognized for its commitment to sustainability by The Princeton Review in its “Guide to Green Colleges: 2022 Edition.”

Released in October 2021, the annual guide recognizes institutions that are making exceptional commitments to sustainability and environmentally responsible decisions on campus. Holy

Cross has been included on The Princeton Review’s list since its inception in 2010.

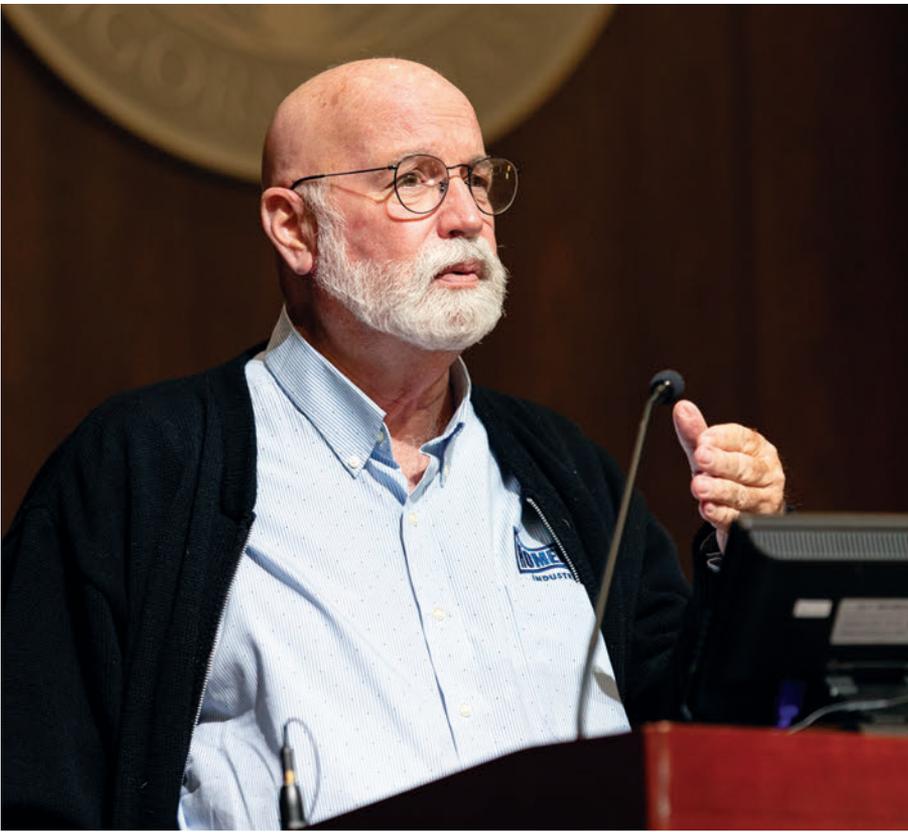
“We strongly recommend the College of the Holy Cross to students who want to study and live at a green college,” says Rob Franek, The Princeton Review’s editor-in-chief. “Holy Cross offers

excellent academics and demonstrates a commitment to sustainability that is exemplary on many counts.”

Of the 835 campuses considered this year, The Princeton Review chose 420 colleges based on 25 data points, including academic offerings, campus policies, initiatives, activities and the career preparation offered to students who are interested in green jobs.

Since its establishment in April 2020, Holy Cross’ Office of Sustainability has implemented a series of environmental initiatives. Recent examples include the “Roomside Recycling” project, which aims to educate students about recycling and the importance of proper waste sorting in a fun way, and the “Alternative Transportation Appreciation Day.”

“The College has made steady changes to increase its environmental stewardship over the last year,” says Cathy Liebowitz, Holy Cross’ director of sustainability. “We thank The Princeton Review for continuing to bring attention to these consistent efforts and giving the Holy Cross community a moment to appreciate the College’s annual progress.” ■



## College Welcomes Rev. Greg Boyle, S.J., and Homeboy Industries

Rev. Greg Boyle, S.J., founder of Homeboy Industries, spoke to Holy Cross students, staff and faculty about joy, hope and the courage of tenderness in his Nov. 9, 2021, event, “Be Fearless for Me: Courage and the Gospel of the Marginalized,” presented by the College’s Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture.

Drawing on 30 years of working with gang members in Los Angeles, Fr. Boyle shared stories from his new book, “The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness,” and was accompanied by former gang members who are now part of his organization, which provides training, education, counseling, legal counsel, tattoo removal and kinship. ■



## The 39 Steps

The Department of Theatre and Dance opened its final Fenwick Theatre season in November with “The 39 Steps,” a fast-paced comedic takeoff of Alfred Hitchcock’s classic 1935 film of the same name. The production was directed by Scott Malia, assistant professor of theatre, with costume design by Kurt S. Hultgren, lecturer in costume design. ■



## Student-Generated Urban Studies Minor Debuts

Maggie Hartnett '23 (*above, left*) knew she enjoyed the architecture classes she took during her first year at Holy Cross, but wasn't quite sure she wanted to be an architect. Then, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, she took note of the changes in urban living – people leaving cities in search of more space, others moving to different cities when remote work made it possible. And it gave her an idea: She could create her own self-designed major to study urban environments.

“With the pandemic, obviously, we saw a lot of changes in the way the urban environment looks and I thought studying it could be extremely relevant going forward, in terms of how urban spaces are going to change and evolve,” says Hartnett, who grew up in Wellesley, Massachusetts. “So my major is urban studies, which essentially combines the disciplines of architecture, environmental science and sociology.”

At Holy Cross, students can propose student-designed majors or minors through the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, pursuing their own unique

interests with the help of faculty mentors. Hartnett took her idea to David Karmon (*above, right*), professor of visual arts, head of the art history division and adviser for architectural studies, another self-designed program at the College.

“We very much want to support the students' interests. One of the great things about studying at the College is that we have students who are thinking about the bigger picture,” Karmon says. “What I found so great about Maggie's proposal is that she was thinking about both her interest in architecture, buildings and the built environment, but also the notion of everything that's happening recently [with the pandemic] and how to put these things into dialogue. And urban studies provides a really exciting forum for these kinds of investigations.”

Karmon immediately started working with Hartnett to create a proposal for this major, putting her in touch with faculty in departments with courses relevant to urban studies. Hartnett says she is grateful for the guidance provided by Karmon, as well as Lorelle Semley, professor of history; Amy

Finstein, assistant professor of visual arts; Daina Cheyenne Harvey, associate professor of sociology; and Sarah Luria, professor of English.

“Not only did I feel supported, like it was possible to create this major, but my professors were really excited about it, too,” Hartnett says. “It's been great to have the freedom to choose the classes I want to take, and I've been really excited about all my classes in all these different disciplines.”

Hartnett's professors shared her enthusiasm so much that they drew upon her major as a template to create a new urban studies minor program, which is available to all Holy Cross students beginning with the fall 2021 semester.

With courses from departments across the College on topics ranging from architecture and green design to the economics of inequality and the environment, the urban studies minor explores themes around how cities are built, what communities do in them and how they shape the community.

“In this kind of program, you can join together with faculty working in separate areas to explore different ways of thinking about similar questions and make new connections between different disciplines. These are the kinds of amazing opportunities that make studying in a liberal arts program so special,” says Karmon, who will serve as adviser to the program, working with faculty from the architectural studies, economics, environmental studies, history, psychology, political science, and sociology and anthropology departments.

Many urban studies courses will have a community-based learning component. “Worcester is the ideal environment for my major,” Hartnett says, citing the growth of the city, in terms of population and new developments, such as Polar Park, home to the Worcester Red Sox minor league baseball team. ■



## The Kid on The Hill

Students were treated to a concert by hit singer, rapper and songwriter The Kid LAROI and DJ Real P in October on Freshmen Field, in recognition of their 96% vaccination rate last semester. The Kid LAROI's single "Stay," with Justin Bieber, hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, as well as the Billboard Global 200 and charts in 20 countries. The event was co-sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Campus Activities Board. ■



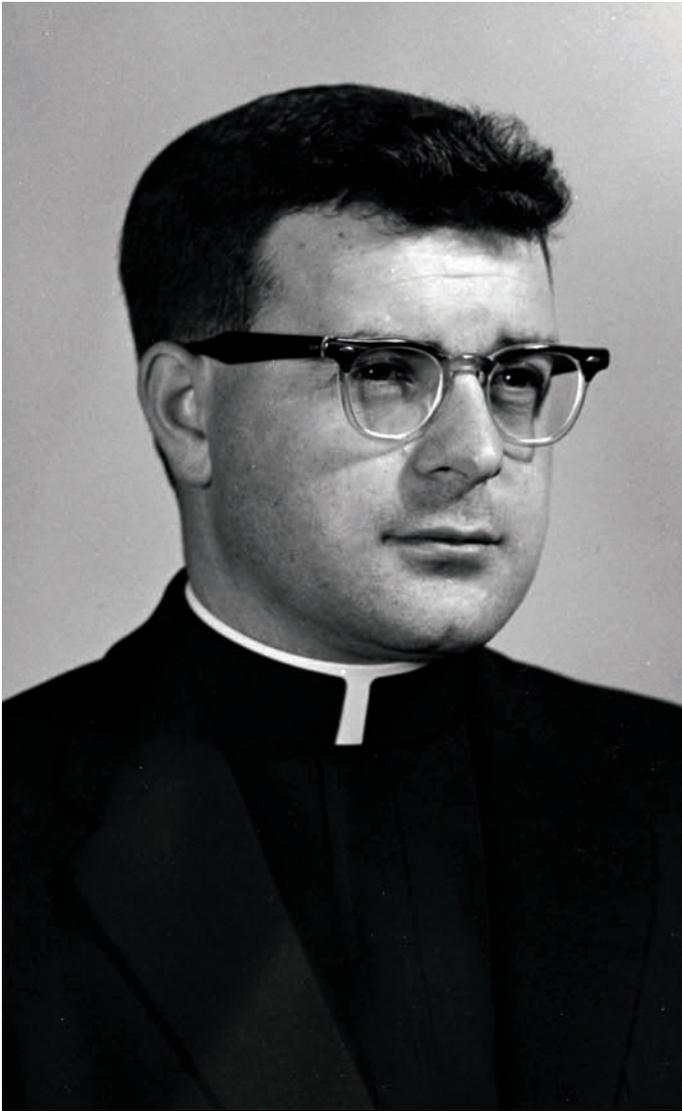
## Class of 1965 Dedicates Benches

Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., '53 dedicated a bench in honor of the late Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J., former dean of men, on Oct. 16, 2021, on behalf of the class of 1965 in celebration of their 55th reunion last fall. In addition to the Dunn bench, located on the Hogan Courtyard (*at left*), a second bench was dedicated on Fenwick Lawn in honor of all members of the class by Rev. Paul Sughrue '65. With Fr. Markey at left are class members, spouses and longtime class co-chairs, Dave Martel (*seated, left*) and Tom McCabe (*seated, right*). ■





The funeral Mass for Rev. Vincent A. Lapomarda, S.J., associate professor emeritus of history, was held at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel in November 2021. Pictured here are Fr. Lapomarda's brother Jesuits and fellow priests. For more on his life and legacy at Holy Cross, turn to Page 24.



## Holy Cross Remembers Longtime History Professor Fr. Lapomarda

The College of the Holy Cross remembers the legacy and scholarship of Rev. Vincent A. Lapomarda, S.J., associate professor emeritus of history, who died on Oct. 23, 2021, at 87.

Fr. Lapomarda was a member of the Holy Cross faculty from 1969 until his retirement in 2014. During his nearly 50-year tenure, he taught courses in 19th- and 20th-century U.S. diplomatic history and American religious history

to generations of Holy Cross students. He also served as the College's coordinator of its Holocaust Collection and its Italian American Collection.

"What counted for Fr. Lapomarda, where he wanted especially to be remembered, was in his writing and his work on behalf of the College's Holocaust Collection," says Rev. William Reiser, S.J., professor of religious studies. "He quoted an ancient Latin saying, *Verba volant, scripta manent*.

"Words are fleeting, things written remain."

A native of Portland, Maine, Fr. Lapomarda earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree and licentiate in sacred theology from Boston College, and in 1968, became the first Jesuit to earn a doctorate in history from Boston University. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1951, was ordained in 1964 and pronounced his final vows on Aug. 15, 1972, at Holy Cross.

"I felt like I minored in Fr. Lapomarda," says Dan Monahan '00. "He was a great instructor with an incredibly dry wit. He told you exactly how he saw it and never held back. He genuinely cared



for each and every student who took his classes. I can literally still hear him saying my name as he handed back papers or quizzes.”

“He fervently loved Holy Cross. He fervently loved teaching and he loved to contextualize history as it is today,” says Steve Lovelette ’78, who remembers an educator with exacting expectations who required one paper a week and gave meticulous, detailed lectures. “When he was teaching, he was teaching you as if that person was standing next to you. What were they like as individuals? Who was the man?”

Fr. Lapomarda was also a prolific writer, the author of more than 20 books,

including “The Jesuit Heritage in New England,” “The Knights of Columbus in Massachusetts” and “The Jesuits and the Third Reich,” as well as many scholarly articles and book reviews.

“One day, he surprised the class with two boxes of Whitman’s Sampler candy,” Lovelette says. “He opened them up for the class because he had just been published.”

In addition to his teaching and writing, Fr. Lapomarda was a member of several fraternal organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus, for which he was the College’s former chaplain. He also served as state historian of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus and

as chair of the Committee on Historical Memorials of the International Order of Alhambra. He was a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, a 50-year member of the American Historical Association, and a member of the Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli International Committee and the Worcester Italian-American Cultural Center.

He is survived by one sister; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; and his brother Jesuits. ■

*Have a favorite Fr. Lapomarda memory you would like to share? Email us at [hcmag@holycross.edu](mailto:hcmag@holycross.edu).*



MODERN MOBILITY ALOFT

Elevated Highways, Architecture, and Urban Change in Pre-Interstate America

AMY D. FINSTEIN



## Visual Arts’ Finstein Wins Book Award

**A**my D. Finstein, assistant professor of architectural history in the visual arts department, was recently honored with the 2021 Fred B. Kniffen Book Award for her book, “Modern Mobility Aloft: Elevated Highways, Architecture, and Urban Change in Pre-Interstate America.”

The award, sponsored by the International Society for Landscape, Place and Material Culture Studies, encourages and recognizes books by authors regarding North American material culture, such as objects and architecture. Named for renowned geographer Fred Kniffen, the prize is granted annually for the best book in the field published within two years of the award.

In addition to the Fred B. Kniffen Book

Award, Finstein’s book also received an honorable mention for the Kenneth Jackson Award for the best book in North American urban history from the Urban History Association.

Finstein, who joined Holy Cross in 2017, teaches modern architectural and urban history. Her research focuses on how the desire to be “modern” has inspired diverse designs – ranging from high-style modern residences to Art Deco elevated highways. She has published previously in the Journal of Planning History, Preservation Education and Research and ARRIS: Journal of the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians, and is a contributing author to the award-winning Atlas of Boston History.

**What is your book about?** The book is about urban modernization in America in the early automotive age, which I trace via a series of elevated highways that were inserted into existing city centers. I see these highways as constructed forms that operated at two scales: They proclaimed the importance of modern transportation at the scale of the entire city; and as designed objects, they reflected the specific architects, engineers, planners and

civic leaders who championed them. The book profiles the local conditions, architectural trends and utopian ideas that compelled cities to put some of their street traffic up in the air, and then traces the design, implementation and afterlives of three iconic examples in Chicago (Wacker Drive), New York (the West Side Elevated Highway) and Boston (the Elevated Central Artery).

**How does the topic of the book connect to your teaching at Holy Cross?** The book may officially be about elevated highways, but it raises questions about how we settle and move on the planet that have broad implications and applications. My urban history course, Making the Modern City, engages with the history of transportation, urbanization and settlement since the 19th century – really plugging into many of the topics covered in the book. My two seminars, Designing Green and The Modern Home, unpack the histories of current issues regarding pollution, green space and housing equity, and grapple with the long-term implications of contemporary practices.

**You were one of the professors who supported the creation of the student-generated urban studies minor at Holy**

**Cross. Why do you think this is an important field of study today?**

Urban studies invites us to think about the city as a complex organism. It's a field that is not just about urban form and urban design but, rather, about the different ways that cities manifest economic, governmental, environmental and social changes. Cities give us a lens for seeing the interconnected nature of human existence in historical purview, and for considering how we want current and future cities to embody different responses to issues of transportation, settlement, ecology and equity than they have before. For our students, urban studies capitalizes on the wide array of courses that engage with these issues from distinct disciplinary perspectives and gives them a framework for asking these questions thematically, dynamically and intentionally.

**What do you see as some of the biggest challenges and opportunities for contemporary urban designers?**

Climate change is the biggest challenge and opportunity right now, and it is directly related to the evolution of the car-dependent development patterns that I trace in the book. Our dispersed settlement habits and energy-intensive patterns of movement are huge contributors to global warming, and they also are not good for the experiential and economic aspects of cities. The urgency of the climate crisis gives us the opportunity to think about personal and community choices on new terms: What can we do together to curb local emissions, to use and embrace public transportation, to shrink our carbon footprints, or to consider how auto-dependent we really want to be? What do we want the value and experience of being together in a city to be? ■

# Faculty Research to Address HIV Stigma, Racial Equity in Health and the Impact of Local Poetry in Worcester

**H**oly Cross announced the recipients of its Scholarship in Action grants for the 2021-2022 academic year, an initiative that advances Worcester-based faculty research with community partners and provides experiential learning opportunities for Holy Cross students.

The three-year research grants, funded by an \$800,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, enable Holy Cross faculty and student researchers the ability to work with Worcester community partners on projects ranging from fighting HIV/AIDS stigma, to supporting racial equity training for health care providers, to making poetry more accessible and connected to Worcester's natural environment.

Susan Elizabeth Sweeney, distinguished professor of arts and humanities in the English department, is collaborating with the Worcester County Poetry Association to identify, mark and celebrate sites in the city associated with the life or work of a major Worcester poet (Stanley Kunitz, Elizabeth Bishop, Charles Olson, Frank O'Hara, Etheridge Knight, Mary Fell and Christopher Gilbert), with the goal of showing how poetry helps people understand their own connection to the places where they live and work.

In collaboration with AIDS Project Worcester, one of the oldest community-based AIDS service organizations in the city, Tsitsi Masvawure, professor of practice in health studies in the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, is working to draw attention to the persistent

problem of HIV-related stigma by documenting the organization's HIV work in Worcester over the past 30 years.

Masvawure, together with Munyaradzi Munochiveyi, associate professor in the history department and director of Africana studies, is also partnering with the Family Health Center of Worcester to develop a program that helps health providers better understand racial equity and respond to racism in health care.

Now in its fourth grant cycle, Scholarship in Action showcases the significant role that the liberal arts and humanities can play in nurturing civic engagement. The initiative has supported 16 research grants in the city, which have resulted in collaborative work with the Latino History Project, Refugee Artisans of Worcester, the Ecotarium, the Worcester Historical Museum, Burncoat Middle School, Worcester's Hip Hop Congress and Music Worcester.

"What has made Scholarship in Action so successful for the past three years is the fact that knowledge production for the project has been a collaborative venture where communities are at the center of the process from start to finish," says Mary Conley, associate professor of history and director of Scholarship in Action. "I look forward to building on this momentum, as well as deepening the College's commitment to support the local community."

The fifth Scholarship in Action grant cycle, for the 2022-2023 academic year, is underway and research will begin in summer 2022. ■



## Ramos Receives National Humanities Center Fellowship

Juan Ramos, associate professor of Spanish, has been awarded the M.H. Abrams Fellowship at the National Humanities Center for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Ramos is one of 36 fellows – chosen from a pool of 638 applicants from a variety of disciplines worldwide – who will have the opportunity to work on an individual research project and share ideas in seminars, lectures and conferences. He is the first scholar from Holy Cross to be honored.

“Becoming a fellow at the National Humanities Center is an honor and a humbling opportunity to work in

an environment that is conducive to conversations across the humanities,” Ramos says. “Receiving the M.H. Abrams Fellowship, named after one of the founders of the center, is also a motivation to make my research resonate with others beyond my primary field in Latin American literary and cultural studies.”

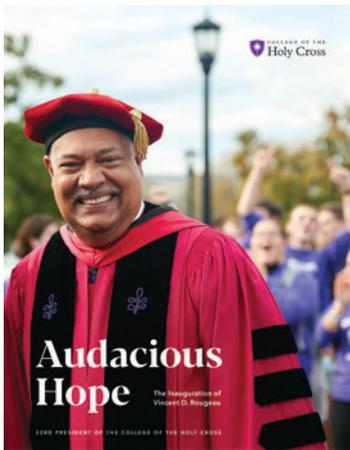
Ramos will spend the year working on a book-length project, tentatively titled “Andean Modernism: Affective Forms in Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru,” which studies poetry, fiction, literary criticism, translation and literary journalism as literary forms that were at once innovative in transforming literary conventions, producing emotional and affective responses among audiences in their national and international contexts. This book project engages with key scholarship in New Modernist studies, Andean studies and affect studies.

Founded in 1978, the National Humanities Center is the world’s only independent institute dedicated exclusively to advanced study in the

humanities. Located in Research Triangle, North Carolina, it hosts resident fellows each year, providing scholars with the resources for generating new knowledge.

Ramos has devoted his previous research to exploring the intersections of politics and aesthetics at various moments across the 20th century with an eye toward Latin America. This research culminated in his first monograph, “Decolonial Aesthetics in Latin American Arts” (University of Florida Press, 2018), and a co-edited volume, “Decolonial Approaches to Latin American Literatures and Cultures” (Palgrave, 2016). His current research focuses primarily on the Andes while making broader connections across Latin America.

A Holy Cross faculty member since 2011, Ramos was awarded the Mary Louise Marfuggi Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship in 2019, the Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award from 2019 to 2022 and a Holy Cross Faculty Fellowship in fall 2021 to support his research project. ■



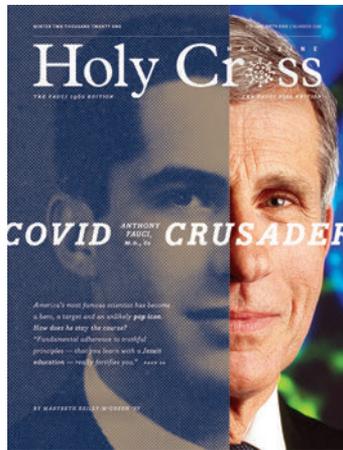
## Relive the Inauguration of Vincent D. Rougeau

Relive the three-day celebration of the College's 33rd president and the events that surrounded his installation as Holy Cross' first lay leader with the College's commemorative publication, "Audacious Hope: The Inauguration of Vincent D. Rougeau." From a faculty symposium to fireworks, dive into the photos and words that accompanied three historic days in Holy Cross history.

In the 44-page publication, you will find:

- Rougeau's presidential address
- The inauguration Mass homily by the Very Rev. Joseph M. O'Keefe, S.J., '76, provincial of the USA East Province of the Society of Jesus
- More than 200 photos of the nine inauguration events, and much more. ■

Download your copy at [holycross.edu/hcm/audacioushope](http://holycross.edu/hcm/audacioushope).



## HCM Wins Four UCDA Awards

Holy Cross Magazine had its finest showing in its 25-year history at the 2021 University & College Designers Association (UCDA) awards competition.

Hosted by the UCDA – the nation's first and only association for professionals involved in the creation of visual communications for educational institutions – the competition recognizes the best print, photography, illustration, digital/web and digital/video work produced to promote educational institutions.

The work of Stephen Albano, HCM art director/designer, was awarded a silver medal for the cover design of its Winter 2021 issue, featuring Anthony Fauci, M.D., '63 (*above*).

The Winter 2021 issue also earned Excellence honors in three categories: Magazine (Complete Unit), Special Publication Alumni and In-House Print. ■



## Margaret Freije to Step Down as Provost in June

In her annual Provost's Address last fall, Margaret Freije announced that she will take a sabbatical and step down from her role at the end of the 2021-2022 academic year.

"Provost Freije shared her decision with me a few months ago, and while I am disappointed that we will not have more time to work together in her capacity as provost, I am thrilled for her to enjoy a leave as she plans her next steps," Holy Cross President Vincent D. Rougeau says. "I have been thoroughly impressed by the wisdom, skill and commitment that Provost Freije brings to her role, and I am acutely aware of what her deep devotion to our students, to our faculty and to Jesuit liberal arts education have meant to Holy Cross over her 35 years on Mount St. James. I look forward to celebrating Provost Freije's teaching, leadership and friendship with all of you this spring."

Freije joined Holy Cross' Department of Mathematics in 1986. Prior to her role as provost and dean of the College, she served as class dean for the classes of 1999 and 2003, assistant dean for curriculum management, associate dean, and as vice president of academic affairs and dean of the College.

The College will launch a national search for Freije's successor. ■



# The Indians' New World: Native American History I

with Gwenn Miller,  
associate professor of history

BY MEREDITH FIDROCKI

**G**wenn Miller, associate professor of history, has a packed agenda for today's class. She will cover how Native Americans on the Plains were impacted by the spread of horses in the 17th and 18th centuries and the rise of the Comanche Empire. But first, Miller leads students in an exercise of "unlearning," a central goal of her course, *The Indians' New World: Native American History I*.

"What are some ideas we generally have about the West in American history?"

Miller asks. Students point out misconceptions, like depictions of the West as empty lands or as a place open to Euro-Americans for the taking. Miller encourages students to continue challenging assumptions, a skill they demonstrate throughout the class.

During a discussion of the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, students are quick to reference what region of the country they grew up in and how their experiences with local history could be influencing their background knowledge of this lesser-talked-about major triumph by the Pueblo peoples over the Spanish in what is now New Mexico. At the end of class, a group of six students presents their analysis of a late-18th-century diary written by the leader of a Spanish expedition in present-day California and that region's first governor to help the class understand some aspects of early Indigenous and European interactions in that region. They outline possible biases behind their interpretations of this primary document and what further research is needed.

Miller has been teaching this course as the first half of a two-semester survey since 2004, when she joined the Holy Cross faculty. At that time, many colleges didn't even offer Native American history

courses, she says. Over the past 20 years, Native American scholarship has "expanded exponentially," Miller notes. "It's such a vibrant field." While she has made adjustments to the class each year, this past summer, with a small curriculum development fellowship from the College, she overhauled the course significantly in efforts to re-cast the narrative incorporating some of this new literature, and she has essentially doubled course enrollment to 50 students in order to accommodate student interest. To keep the class from feeling too big, she holds a full-class lecture on Tuesdays, then divides the class across three meeting times on Thursdays, when students split into even smaller discussion groups for part of the class time.

The "disappearance" of Native Americans from the narrative of early America is the biggest notion students have to unlearn, Miller says. "Native peoples in New England were affected by the presence of Europeans for 100 years before the Pilgrims ever arrived, and they have persevered as active communities in the region to this day — this information is sometimes earth-shattering to students," she notes. "This course is an opportunity to go deeper and center the narrative on Indigenous

# Course Catalog

## HIST 271

The Indians' New World:  
Native American History I

### PROFESSOR

Gwenn Miller

### DEPARTMENT

History

### DESCRIPTION

This course is a survey of Native American history from the “pre-Colombian” period (prior to 1492) through the forced “removals” and genocide of the the mid-1800s. Students consider various questions as they engage in the important process of “unlearning” false historical narratives: “What assumptions do many Americans have about Native history? Where do Native Americans appear in our national and local narratives, where are they absent, and why?” Through the study of themes like family life, gender and religion, trade, work, war and disease, students gain a deeper understanding of the complex, diverse experiences of Native Americans.

### MEETING TIMES

Full-class lectures: Tuesday,  
11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Discussion sections:  
Thursday, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
or 12:30 p.m.– 1:45 p.m.  
or 3:30 p.m.– 4:45 p.m.

### CLASSROOM

Stein 133, Swords 209, Fenwick 330

### REQUIRED READING

- “Our Beloved Kin: A New History of King Philip’s War,” Lisa Brooks, 2018
- “First Peoples: A Documentary Survey of American Indian History,” Colin Calloway, Sixth Edition, 2019

- Primary documents from “American Indian Histories and Cultures” database
- Additional readings, documentary videos and podcast episodes available on CANVAS

### ASSIGNMENTS

- Readings, viewings and listenings
- Group presentation
- Discussion portfolio, two papers and an original group podcast
- “Indigenous Worcester” project collaboration with History of Worcester class
- Midterm/final exam
- Final project (mini-research paper, podcast, film or storyboard/story map)

### GRADES

- Weighted grading based on participation, exams and assignments

### PREREQUISITES

None, but class is limited to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

### ABOUT THE PROFESSOR

A member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2004, Gwenn Miller, associate professor of history, earned a Ph.D. and M.A. in history from Duke University and a B.A. in history and environmental studies from Bowdoin College. Her courses center on Native American and Early/Revolutionary Era American history from a global perspective and, like all history department offerings, challenging students to explore primary documents in innovative ways. In 2010, Miller published a book on colonial contacts in Alaska, “Kodiak Kreol: Communities of Empire in Early Russian America.” The College recently awarded Miller a 2022-2023 faculty fellowship to research New England’s involvement in the opium trade. She looks forward to offering a new upper-level course on Native American lands and social justice upon her return.

perspectives as much as possible.”

Land and peoples’ relation to it is at the heart of the story: “I’ve always asked students to consider what it means and what’s at stake when we recognize that Holy Cross is built on Nipmuc homelands,” she notes. This semester, Miller’s class spent a week collaborating with students from the History of Worcester course, taught by Thomas Doughton, senior lecturer in the College’s Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. They attended a screening of “Pakachoag: Where the River Bends,” a documentary film by a small group of Holy Cross and Worcester community members, including Doughton, about the Nipmuc homelands on which Holy Cross sits and some regional Indigenous experiences before and after the College’s founding. Working in groups, students from both classes explored aspects of Indigenous history in Worcester in conversation with one another.

“My goal for the course is that students come away with the knowledge of how central Native American history is to the story of early America and the beginnings of the United States,” Miller says. “This is not a sidebar story.”

“My favorite aspect of the class is unlearning everything I previously thought I knew about Indigenous peoples,” says Grace Gavis ’22, a chemistry major from Kingston, New York. “It is challenging, yet rewarding, to question what I have been taught in school and break the Euro-centered narrative of American history.”

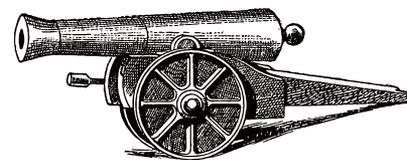
“I think the most important piece that I have taken from the course so far is the complexity of the Native American experience as they encountered Europeans for the first time,” says Max Caron ’23, a history major and education minor from Belchertown, Massachusetts. “The course has also taught me to use a critical eye when reading primary sources, and the weekly group discussions held on Thursdays have allowed my classmates and me to work together in evaluating key sources in the history of Native Americans and draw well-informed and meaningful conclusions from those sources.”

Miller is delighted to witness the course’s impact through the years: “Not only have some students gone on to graduate school in Native American studies, but others tell me that they have become interested in federal and state Indian law and policy because of this class.” ■



The Society of  
Jesus' Ignatian  
Year offers a  
time to reflect  
on and draw  
inspiration from  
its founder,  
and examine  
how his story  
impacts the  
College and  
its community  
today.

The shattering of the leg of a lower nobleman in the Battle of Pamplona could have easily been lost to history, yet in the case of Ignatius of Loyola, the injury led to a prolonged convalescence and an unexpected conversion, the impact of which has stretched across 500 years.



Five hundred years ago, Ignatius of Loyola was lying in bed at his childhood home, his leg shattered by a cannonball, wondering what comes next. A lower nobleman, the future saint had been preoccupied with court dalliances, vanity and glory; once, he was even cited for brawling. But the brutal injury he sustained at the Battle of Pamplona forced him to slow down and ultimately consider whether he was being called to follow a different path in life.

Today, St. Ignatius' legacy as founder of the Society of Jesus lives on at Jesuit institutions like Holy Cross, in missionary work and at retreat and parish centers around the world. This year, the Society of Jesus is celebrating an Ignatian Year, marking the anniversary of Ignatius' bedridden conversion five centuries ago. And it's also sparking conversations within Holy Cross about how his story can offer instruction and hope as the College community grapples with issues of the current day, from a pandemic and racial injustice to severe political division, social and economic marginalization, and a climate in crisis.

"Ignatius' life after the cannonball is, as I like to say, a series of 'Now what?' moments," reflects Rev. Timothy O'Brien, S.J., '06, Holy Cross' director of mission initiatives. "We face a decision point in this community, and, perhaps in society more broadly, whether we're going to let what we're living through make us wiser or whether we just want to go back to something that feels 'normal.'"

While it's tempting to draw direct parallels between 16th-century Ignatius and one's modern-day life

# THE PATRON SAINT OF 'NOW WHAT?'

IS BY MEREDITH FIDROCKI

# OFFERING HOPE 500 YEARS LATER





due to his relatability, Fr. O'Brien notes that Ignatius was thoroughly a person of his time.

"Historically, he is still a medieval Christian," Fr. O'Brien cautions. "But all of us need to be attentive to the ways in which our experiences are inviting us to reflect and be open to change," he says.

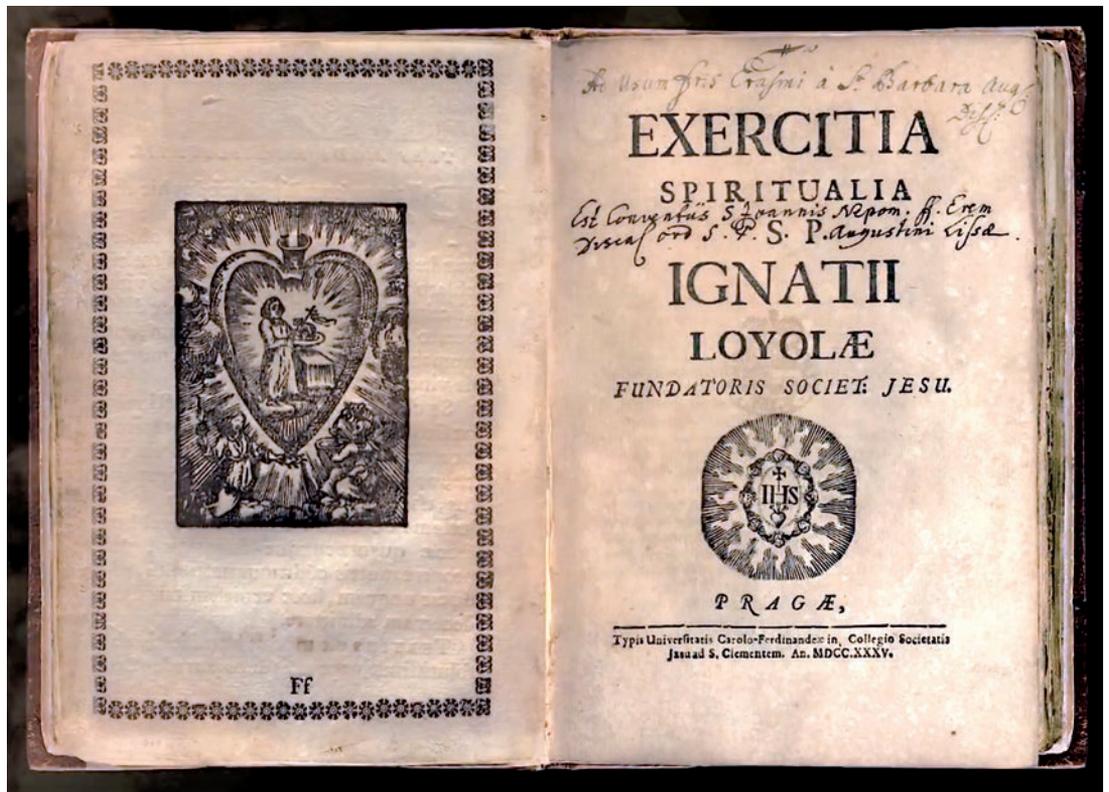
"For me, Ignatius is the patron saint of 'Now what?' – which is why we're having this conversation in 2021."

**IGNATIUS ASKS.  
'WHO AM I CALLED TO BE?'**

Born in 1491 at the castle of Loyola in northern Spain, Ignatius was the youngest of 13. "He wanted to be

successful in the world as he understood it, which for him meant excellence at arms when needed, but also marrying well and increasing the fortunes of his family," Fr. O'Brien says. While defending Pamplona from French troops, Ignatius was hit by a cannonball, shattering his right leg. Initially, he was so aesthetically concerned with how his leg was healing

(opposite) A stained glass window from Spain's Loyola Sanctuary depicts Ignatius at the Battle of Pamplona, where his right leg was shattered by a cannonball. (right) A copy of Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises*, a practical guide of prayer, meditation and contemplative practices that he wrote while cooped up in a cave in Manresa, Spain, as he waited out a plague.



that he asked to have it re-broken and set again, even though anesthetics were not available.

“While recuperating at the castle of Loyola, he found none of the tales of chivalry that he loved to read,” writes historian Rev. John W. O’Malley, S.J., Hon. ’99, author of “The First Jesuits.” Instead, only two books were available: the illustrated “Life of Christ” by Ludolph of Saxony and a book on the lives of the saints.

Laid up in bed, Ignatius had months to consider his next move. He began to notice that daydreams of returning to his old life left him feeling “dry and agitated in spirit,” Fr. O’Malley writes. In contrast, the idea of modeling his life after the saints he read about brought “serenity and comfort.” This process of discernment helped him choose a new path. As soon as he was able, he set out on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

“I talk to students about Ignatius because his story is relevant to us today,” says Michele Murray, vice president for student affairs and dean of students. “Ignatius’ story is a roadmap for dealing with major heartache and disappointment. I find that this is part of being human: allowing your heart to break and seeing very real desires –

good desires – all crumble in front of your eyes. I don’t know a person who has not had that experience.

“Ignatius offers us a lot of hope that there’s life beyond the disappointment – and that life is bigger and more rewarding and more engaging than what we can imagine on the near side,” she notes. “It takes courage and openness to possibility to recognize that disappointment is not the end of the road, often it’s the beginning. Ignatius and the early Jesuits teach us that.”

In the pandemic times of today, many people around the world are searching for any meaning they can take away from the pain of isolation. “Ignatius let the time and stillness and solitude that was forced upon him become a means of reflection,” Fr. O’Brien says. “And that, I think, is relevant to all of us.”

### ON DISAPPOINTMENTS AND SETBACKS

Ignatius’ injury at Pamplona would not be the only hurdle he’d face. His new path – even his journey to the Holy Land

– brought new disappointments. “At every turn for a while he hit up against roadblocks and had to ask himself, ‘Well, now what do I do?’” Fr. O’Brien says.

Due in part to an outbreak of the plague, a short stay in Manresa, Spain, turned into months. Ignatius spent hours praying in a cave and reportedly suffered from mental anguish and doubts of faith. “[He] gave himself up to a regimen of prayer, fasting, self-flagellation, and other austerities that were extreme even for the 16th century,” Fr. O’Malley writes. Coping with these struggles, he began to write as a means to help himself and others.

These writings would become part of the *Spiritual Exercises* – a practical handbook of prayer, meditation and contemplative practice, a hallmark of the Jesuits used to guide people seeking a deeper relationship with God. “Ignatius really found a way of distilling a lot of wisdom that had been passed on, even from early Christianity,” Fr. O’Brien says of the Exercises. “He put them together in a readily accessible format. That’s the

real innovation of Ignatius.” For years, Murray has carried with her an excerpt from the beginning of the Exercises: “The shorthand for it is to listen generously, to give the speaker the benefit of the doubt. At this point in the history of the world, that simple concept feels so countercultural – the idea that we can listen not to argue, but to understand.”

Ignatius finally made it to Jerusalem in 1523 – only to be asked to leave two weeks later by church officials who could not guarantee his safety there. Once again, he found himself facing a familiar question: Now what?

### **STRONGER IN COMMUNITY**

Ignatius decided that getting an education might be the key to furthering his spiritual work. So, at age 33, he returned to grammar school. After years of study, he moved to France to attend the University of Paris. There, he roomed with fellow students (and future fellow saints) Peter Faber and Francis Xavier. Together, the trio would eventually found a new religious order called the Society of Jesus.

“Outside my office window is the statue group of the three founders,” Murray says. “And I like to tell students not just about Ignatius, but about all three of them – that they were roommates at the University of Paris. They came from different life experiences and didn’t necessarily get along at first, but look at what they did. Their work together and the schools they founded changed the world. Their sense of brotherly love laid the foundation for us at Holy Cross and for all of the Jesuit works. When we talk about community, it’s not an abstract term. It comes directly from the experiences of the early Jesuits.”

The Ignatian Colleagues Program (ICP) is one way Jesuit institutions across the country are connecting as a broader network, strengthening and fostering the Ignatian tradition in their campus communities. Offered through the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities for more than a decade, the 18-month program for faculty and

administrators includes workshops, retreats, international immersion trips and capstone projects.

This year, Fr. O’Brien is helping lead a new initiative at Holy Cross called the Campus Colleagues Program, a sort of local version of ICP. The idea originated as a capstone project created by Holy Cross community members and ICP alumni Paul Irish, associate dean of students, and Robert Bellin, professor of biology. Led also by Emily Rauer Davis ’99, associate chaplain and director of domestic immersions, the program focuses on Ignatius’ tradition of self-reflection. “It’s bringing together faculty and staff, in relatively equal numbers, to engage with their own sense of call and mission on this campus,” Fr. O’Brien says.

### **THE IGNATIAN COLLEAGUES PROGRAM**

Michelle Sterk Barrett, director of the College’s J.D. Power Center for Liberal Arts in the World, completed her ICP cohort in 2017. The program allowed her to grow in community with other Jesuit higher education professionals, she says, and built her capacity to act as an ambassador of Ignatian spirituality. Through her ICP immersion trip, she developed an even deeper appreciation for her work with students in experiential and community-based learning, a key function of the J.D. Power Center.

“I went to the U.S./Mexico border in Nogales, where we learned more about the work the Jesuits are doing through the Kino Border Initiative,” Sterk Barrett says. “Most powerful for me was the story of a man whom I’ll call Jaime, who had just been deported the morning we met him. Listening to Jaime’s story was incredibly challenging. The pain in his eyes as he spoke about not knowing when he would see his daughters again was almost unbearable to witness.” She says the experience gave her a new perspective on an issue central to her youth, as she grew up living near the border in San Diego: “We regularly had helicopters flying overhead with search lights seeking migrants living in the canyons.” Though she’d read books and

watched documentaries focused on immigrant stories, she says that could never compare to bearing witness.

“Similarly, I believe firsthand experiences with the very real suffering that exists in our world (through the J.D. Power Center, immersion experiences, direct service and other College opportunities) ideally touch our students’ hearts so profoundly that they are driven to ask more, learn more and, hopefully, use their education for the betterment of our world,” Sterk Barrett says. And, she emphasizes, the practice of discernment is accessible to anyone, regardless of whether they are of a different faith tradition or none: “It’s still valuable to reflect and pay attention to one’s emotions and how one’s reacting to experiences to see where we may be called to go.”

She says it’s also important to examine the role Ignatian spirituality can play in mental health. “There is abundant research demonstrating a correlation between psychological well-being and increased spirituality,” she says. “We are currently facing a mental health crisis as a nation – especially among young adults. It is also well-documented that younger generations have left formal religious institutions in large numbers. With that in mind, I think Ignatian spirituality and Jesuit higher education have a lot to offer and can be quite beneficial at this particular point in time.”

Timothy Joseph ’98, professor of classics, will complete his 18-month ICP experience this year. “It is great to have the opportunity to think in a more deliberate way about what Jesuit education claims and aspires to do, both at the larger institutional level and at the levels of the classroom and in individual conversations,” Joseph says. Through ICP, he’s been delving into Ignatius’ writings “on the need to pivot from reflection to action and then back to reflection, and so on” – a practice he sees alive at Holy Cross.

For example, under the leadership of his



A trio of statues depicting St. Ignatius (*left*), St. Peter Faber (*middle*) and St. Francis Xavier (*right*), founders of the Society of Jesus, was installed on the Hogan Courtyard between 2019 and 2021.

colleague Dominic Machado, assistant professor of classics, and the College's Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning (CBL), introductory Latin courses at Holy Cross now have a CBL component, Joseph says. "Latin students meet up weekly with middle school students in Worcester to learn Latin and aspects of ancient Roman culture with them – and there's a process of deliberate adjustment and rethinking over the course of the year," he says. "Here is an example of 'contemplatives in action,' of students putting thought and reflection toward co-learning and toward real, meaningful relationships in our broader community." Joseph plans to weave what he learns through his own

ICP experiences back into the classroom: "I'm looking forward to bringing Ignatian concepts about thought and action into my classes more explicitly."

### PIVOTING TOWARD HOPE

"We're at the advent of a new era," Murray reflects. "We have a new president who has a vision for the Holy Cross of today and tomorrow and what this means for our students and for how the College engages in partnership with our host city." She says she finds a lot of hope in the way the College educates its students: "We are educating young adults who long to make a difference in the world. We meet their desires with a powerful combination of excellence in the liberal arts and helping them understand and cultivate their gifts and talents. They are discovering their purpose." And the College community understands that determining how to use one's gifts and talents is a lifelong

process that extends beyond one's years at Holy Cross, just as it was for Ignatius.

"It's important to know that we offer resources not only to our current students, but to our alumni as well," Fr. O'Brien emphasizes. In addition to career services, retreats offered by the College chaplains at Holy Cross' Thomas P. Joyce '59 Contemplative Center are also open to alumni, focusing on life transitions or offering an experience of the Spiritual Exercises. And, he says, the Ignatian Year reminds the College community that Holy Cross exists within a much larger global Jesuit network of not just schools, but also centers where seekers can find spiritual direction or attend retreats. Fr. O'Brien says now is a moment to lean into hope: "Ignatius gives us hope that in the things that happen in our lives – even the things that are difficult – God can be found and is inviting us into a future of hope and joy." ■



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# “OUR HOUSE WAS THE GATHERING PLACE”

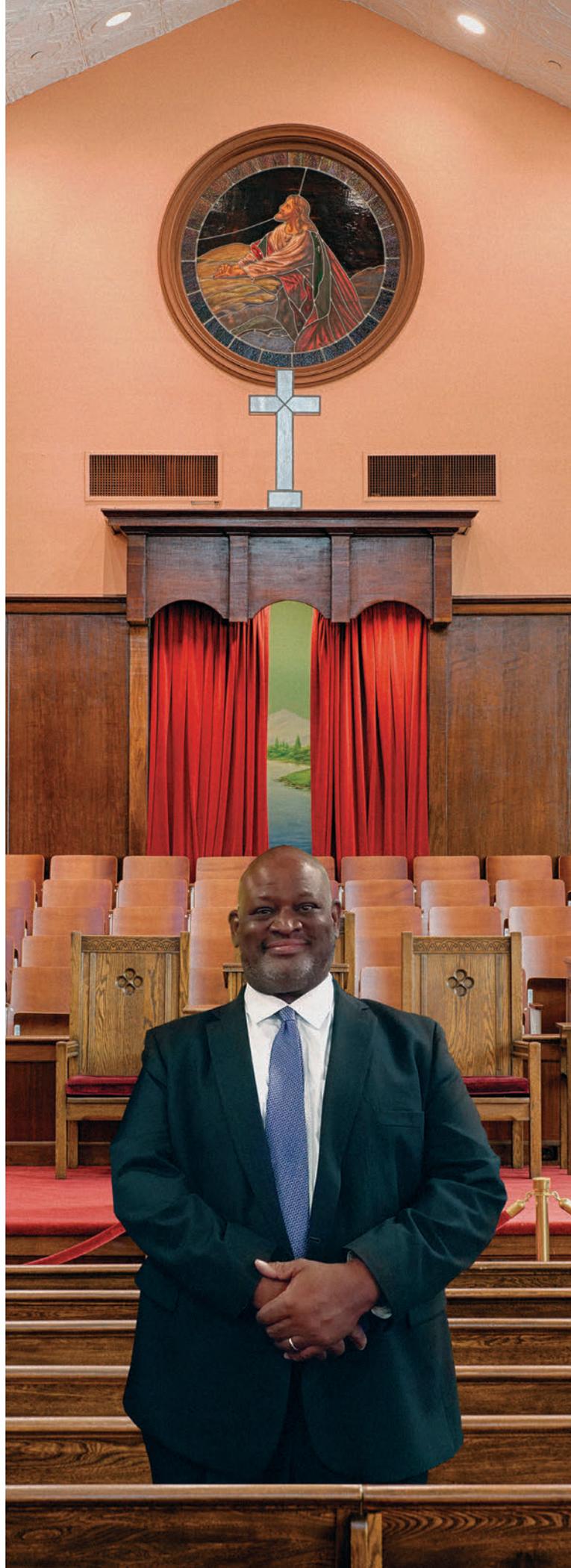
How his childhood living room started [Rev. Dr. John Vaughn '82](#) on a path that led to his work helping shepherd the 6,000-strong congregation of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, the spiritual home of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

BY MAURA SULLIVAN HILL

**A**sk Rev. Dr. John Vaughn '82 and he'll tell you himself: “I do not fit the stereotype when people think of the traditional Black pastor.”

From his youth, when he worshipped at the First Baptist Church of Worcester, Rev. Vaughn always found comfort and acceptance at church. After graduating from Holy Cross, he enrolled in seminary at the Pacific School of Religion in California. Since then, Rev. Vaughn has used his training not to preach from a pulpit, but to lead operations at churches, nonprofits and organizations working toward racial and social equity.

*(left)* Ebenezer Baptist Church's famous neon sign points the way to the historic building on Atlanta's Auburn Avenue; *(right)* Rev. Vaughn in the sanctuary.



Today, Rev. Vaughn serves as executive pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the church of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and part of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park. As executive pastor, a role he compares to a chief operating officer, Rev. Vaughn not only oversees the daily operations of the church, but also strives to share with others how this historic congregation shaped Dr. King and other leaders for justice.

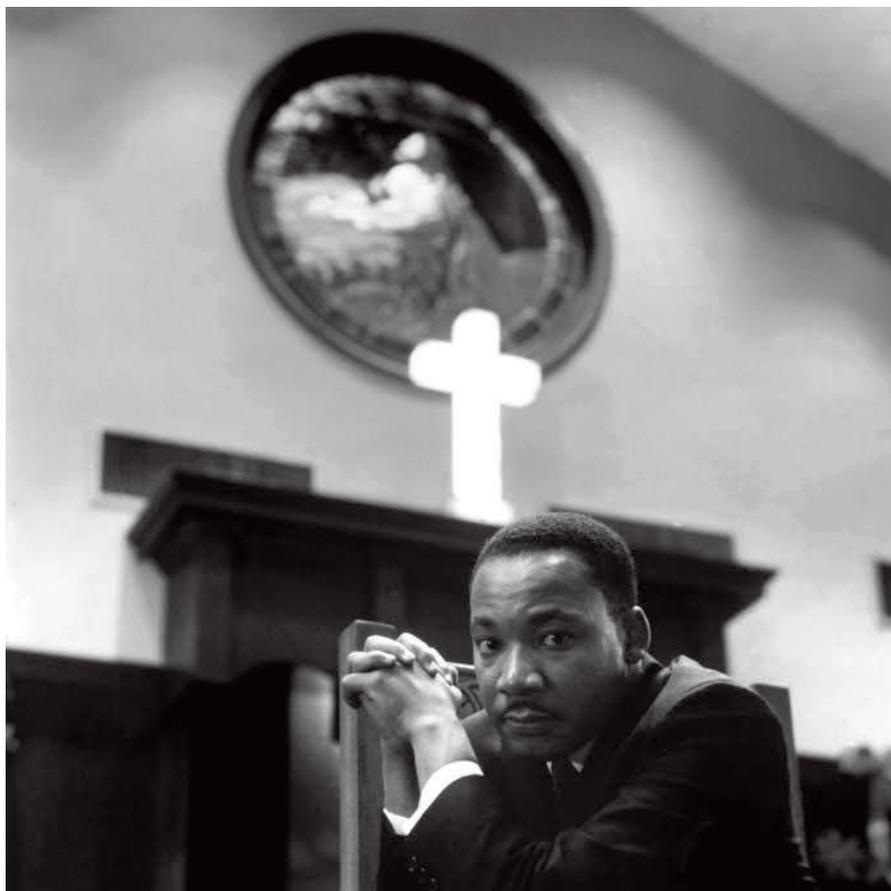
“Dr. King didn’t just emerge; he came out of a context, of a family that loved him and that had a certain set of values. He came out of a congregation that really helped shape who he was,” Rev. Vaughn says. “And Ebenezer is that place; it’s in the stone, in the soil of the place.”

And, like Dr. King, Rev. Vaughn emerged out of his own context: his family and church community in Worcester, an education at Holy Cross and in seminary, and as a Black man in America.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE TAKES ROOT**

He grew up in Worcester, the son of Holy Cross icon the late Oretta McNeil, associate professor emerita of psychology: the first Black woman on the College’s faculty, the first woman hired to a tenure-track position in the psychology department and a leader in diversity and inclusion efforts on campus as founder of the ALANA Program. He was raised by McNeil and his stepfather, Kingsley McNeil, an immigrant from Jamaica, and says he had strong Black roots in his extended family, including grandparents he spent summers with in Washington, D.C., and Louisville,

Dr. King in the sanctuary of Ebenezer Baptist, his lifelong spiritual home; Rev. Vaughn’s mother, Oretta McNeil, faculty member and longtime advocate of students of color at Holy Cross, accepts an award from Nelson Ambush, president of the Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Foundation, in 1971.





Pictured above with McNeil are (left to right) Rev. Vaughn's sister-in-law, Linda; his brother, Robert; Waverly Jones, one of McNeil's closest friends and Rev. Vaughn's godfather; his wife, Rev. Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan and Rev. Vaughn.

Kentucky. Rev. Vaughn remembers a lively house, full of people from all walks of life, between family, friends and his mother's colleagues from Holy Cross. "In the house that I grew up in, in our living room, you were welcome," he says. "And in so many ways, that sense of hospitality and acceptance set a tone for me: Justice is manifesting what it means to really love everybody."

McNeil set that tone of acceptance at home and at work. A pioneer on campus

at Holy Cross, she was determined to help students of color advance and was – and is still – lauded for her support of students of color.

"Supporting Black students, making sure that they did well and had the support they needed, that was something that she always really cared about," he says. "I'm grateful Holy Cross gave her a place to find her voice, to provide those kinds of spaces and support things that she had been passionate about her whole life. She was also active in different community organizations. It's funny, I was less clued into that as a kid, I think, but somehow that level of commitment to community made its way by osmosis into me and

has been part of shaping my own call to ministry."

Because Holy Cross was his mother's place, it is the backdrop for many of Rev. Vaughn's childhood memories: the birthday party at a tailgate on Freshman Field before a football game; season tickets to basketball games at the inaugural season in the Hart Center, where he watched Marty Halsey '76, Peter Beckenbach '79 and Billy Doran '77 play; and spending time in his mother's office in Alumni Hall, where the psychology department was located in the '70s.

When it came time to apply to college, Rev. Vaughn figured he'd look beyond Mount St. James and visited several



other Jesuit schools. But, in the end, he submitted his early decision application to Holy Cross – without telling his mother, who found out from the admissions office.

“I’m not sure I can even tell you exactly what it was that made me choose Holy Cross. At its core, the idea of a liberal arts education made a lot of sense to me,” he says. “And I think there was probably a wonderful degree of familiarity. It was a feeling and then I just decided to go for it. It was the right thing for me at that moment in my life.”

A French major, Rev. Vaughn jokes, “If I could have graduated undecided, I would have, because I really didn’t know what I wanted to do.”

He headed for seminary thinking he might become a high school religion teacher, but midway through his time there, he changed his plans after a midyear check-in meeting. In that meeting, while talking with one of his professors, the pastor who supervised him during an internship, and two classmates, Vaughn envisioned a new path for his future.

“These folks said, ‘You have a call to ministry, but it’s going to look a little different. You’re going to work cross-race and in community engagement, maybe in urban settings. You’re going to work across faiths,’” he remembers. “These were the elements they were seeing in me, and I literally felt the power of the Holy Spirit at that moment and felt this call.”

In the years since that conversation, Rev. Vaughn has lived that call quite like his mentors predicted. He’s worked for the Twenty-First Century Foundation in Harlem, an organization



*(left, top to bottom)* Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. served as Ebenezer’s pastor for 44 years, retiring in 1975; the plaque marking the church as a historic landmark; in conversation after worship with Tameka Bell, the church’s director of communications, and African Methodist Episcopal Bishop Carolyn Tyler Guidry, the second female bishop elected in the AME church.



that advocates for Black community change. As executive director of the Peace Development Fund, he facilitated training and assistance for grassroots peace and justice community organizing across the U.S. At another historic, nationally known congregation, the Riverside Church in New York City, he oversaw and led the Church's education, social justice and

social service programs. In the mid-to-late '80s, he worked as executive director at nonprofit East Harlem Interfaith during the height of the AIDS and crack epidemics.

**REFLECTING AS A  
BLACK MAN IN AMERICA**  
Seminary was where Rev. Vaughn

Vice President Kamala Harris attends one of Ebenezer Baptist's vaccination events in June 2021; Ebenezer Senior Pastor and U.S. Sen. Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock and the late U.S. Rep. John Lewis worked together at Ebenezer's local voter engagement and mobilization project, "Souls to the Polls."

experienced his call to serve others, and it was also a time when he reflected on his own identity: "I really began to dig deeper into, 'So what does it mean to be a Black man from Worcester, Massachusetts, who is now also called to the ministry?'" and all the complexities of that."

It's a reflection that he's engaged in throughout his life, and especially as the father of two sons, James, a sophomore at Duke University, and Caleb, a high school sophomore at the Professional Performing Arts School. In 2015, he wrote about the topic for HuffPost, in the wake of protests after the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner in police custody.



“There is a commonly held belief among some that there is one Black experience and one Black community. Not only is this completely untrue, it’s harmful,” he wrote. “We’re not a homogenous community, but are all in this together. I’m using my position as a Black faith leader to work with people of many faiths to powerfully and peacefully raise their voices to transform our justice system.”

For Rev. Vaughn, faith and justice are inextricably linked: “Faith for me is that constant sense of both grounding and challenge at the same time. If you take God at God’s word, then you have to care about what’s happening to people who aren’t being treated fairly or are seen as less than,” he says.

### **AT THE SPIRITUAL HOME OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

Ebenezer Baptist Church, which Rev. Vaughn joined in early 2020, is

a historic landmark, global icon and active church community. Founded in 1886, it grew to serve as a supportive faith community in Atlanta and a symbol for justice and equality across the country. Dr. King’s father, Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., served as pastor of Ebenezer for 44 years. Dr. King was a co-pastor from 1960 until his assassination in 1968. Today, the church is home to a congregation of more than 6,000 people, housed in a new building constructed in 1999, across the street from the church where both Kings preached. Sen. Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, the first Black U.S. senator from Georgia, leads Ebenezer Baptist as senior pastor.

“Ebenezer is not just the church of Dr. King or the church of Daddy King, but it is a church that has within its DNA a commitment to deep faith, deep justice, a sense of inclusion and what it means to be ‘America’s Freedom Church,’” Rev.

Vaughn says. “People come from all over the world to take pictures of our blue sign outside the heritage building [the original church building]. When you think of the power of that, it’s the power of the congregation that helped make that happen.”

Rev. Vaughn found his path leading to Ebenezer thanks to his connection with Rev. Warnock, who was at Union Seminary with Rev. Vaughn’s wife, the Rev. Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan. Revs. Vaughn and Warnock, who have known each other for more than 20 years, reconnected in 2018 while working on a national conference focused on a multifaith response to mass incarceration. At the time, Rev. Vaughn was the executive vice president at Auburn Theological Seminary, a leadership development and research institute for faith leaders working for justice. But he was also feeling like it was time for a change that might include a



(*opposite*) Revs. Warnock and Vaughn display their school pride at the church's College Sunday service; (*above*) Mom, Dad and brother Caleb drop James off at Duke for the start of his sophomore year.

move out of New York City, where he and his family had lived since the '90s.

"I feel like the right person in the right place at the right time," says Rev. Vaughn, who oversees all of Ebenezer's ministries, including worship, music, mission and outreach, social justice, pastoral care, church life and fellowship, development – including heading a \$20 million capital campaign – and fiscal management. "Ebenezer has really needed an executive pastor, because a lot has been on Pastor Warnock's shoulders. I was one of the important pieces for him to be able to take the Senate run, because he needed someone he could trust and someone who was good at building and managing

the internal parts of the church."

Working at the spiritual home of Dr. King wasn't on Rev. Vaughn's radar back in 2016, when he quoted Dr. King in Holy Cross Magazine. He was interviewed as a recipient of the 2015 Sanctae Crucis Award, the College's highest non-degree honor, in recognition of his interfaith efforts to address racial injustice and economic inequality. Asked what keeps him going in moments of hopelessness, he cited Dr. King's quote: "The moral arc of the universe does bend towards justice."

Nearly five years later, in February 2020, Rev. Vaughn came to Dr. King's church, working across the street from where the man who inspired him grew up and preached.

"Being committed to social justice is part of what it means to be a Christian, and Dr. King embodied that for me,

and for so many. He was the primary influence on them and on being a Black man who stood in that Christian space," Rev. Vaughn says.

As he helps shepherd America's Freedom Church into its future, Rev. Vaughn remains committed to the sense of social justice that he learned from Dr. King – in church and in his childhood home.

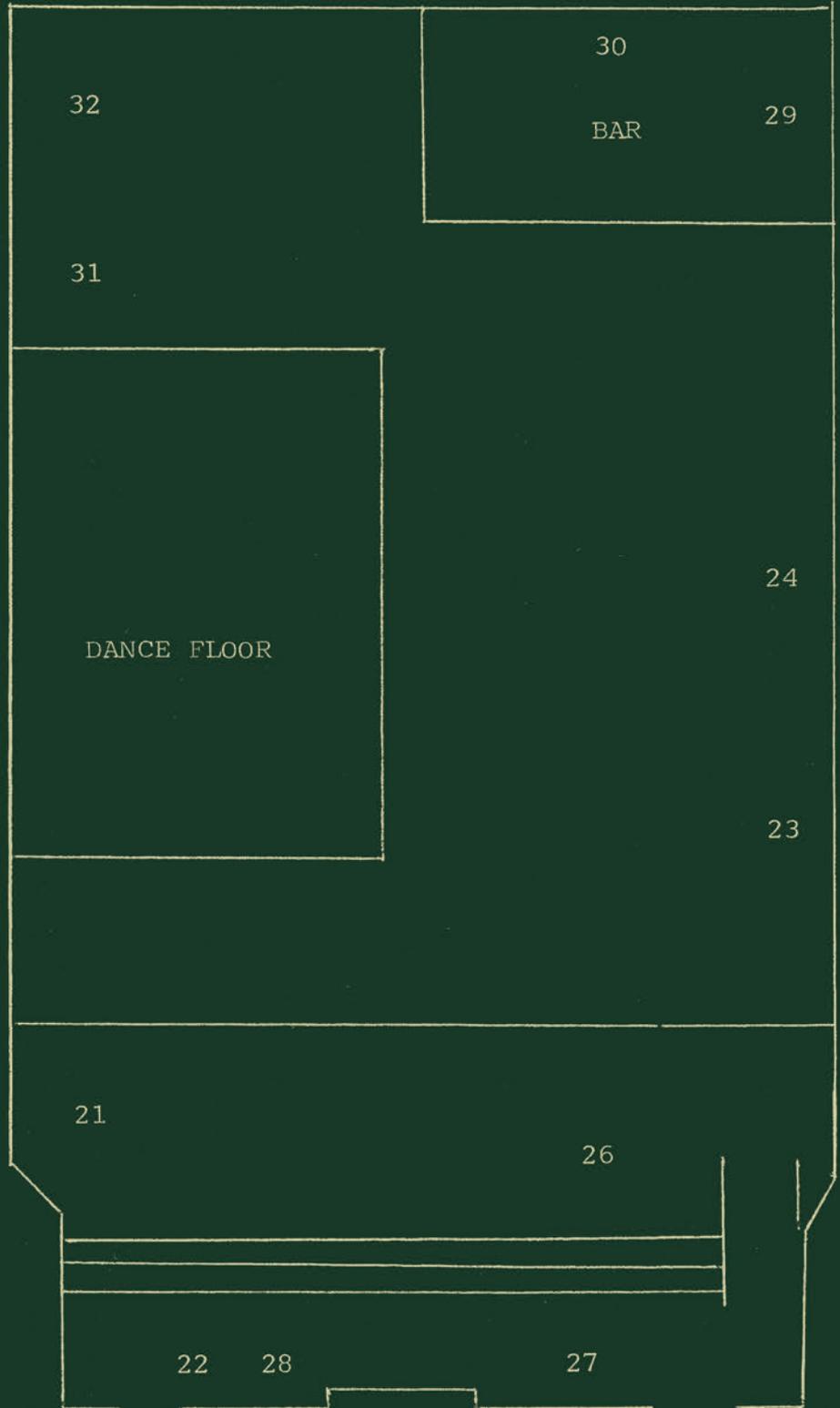
"Our house was the gathering place," Rev. Vaughn says. "It was the place where people of all races would show up in our living room. It was this eclectic group of people, both racially and class-wise. It was, if you will, a glimpse of the kingdom of God – that sense that folks could coexist in the same space, connect and enjoy each other. I look back on that as the norm, and it certainly played a role in my understanding of what it meant to do ministry and to work across lines of difference." ■

1843 Room--Holy Cross College

In 1982,  
The 1843 Room  
had all the  
character of a  
1970s basement.

A small contingent  
of determined  
students changed  
that and, in the  
process, created  
a showcase for  
campus pride and  
camaraderie where  
memories are  
always on tap.

BY  
MARYBETH  
REILLY-MCGREEN  
'89





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HOW  
A 'BIG,  
GREEN  
BOX'  
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GATHERING  
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**L** First, there was a box (and a student with an idea, who takes it to the president of the College because, why not?).

Honestly, a student knocking on a college president's door and asking for money to improve the campus bar seems like a world-class stunt, the action of a person who's either on a dare or the losing side of a bet. But in the spring of 1982, Mike DeLacey '83 thought nothing of approaching legendary Holy Cross President Rev. John E. Brooks, S.J., '49 to chat about converting a former-bowling-alley-turned-makeshift-pub in the basement of Hogan Campus Center into a bonafide campus watering hole.

Nearly 40 years later, sitting in Crossroads, the dining area adjacent to the bar today known as The Pub, DeLacey smiles and shrugs in recounting the tale. In the moment, it didn't seem like an act of particular temerity: "I just thought it could be more than just a big, green box and that somehow it should stand for something," he says. "It wasn't just about decorating but, rather, helping to create an experience. I thought that patrons, while bonding over a beer, might learn – even if through osmosis – something about the College and its alums of the past.

"And you don't know any better when you're that age, so you just go knock on the president's door," he continues. "And then, somehow, you wind up with the vice president – Fr. Harman – who, instead of saying, 'This is a crazy idea; get away, kid' or 'We don't want to deal with the liability,' gets back to you and says, 'Yeah.'"

Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J., was vice president at the time and the person to whom Fr. Brooks delegated the request. Fr. Harman,

in turn, consulted Anita D. Kapp, board of trustees member, wife of John J. Kapp Jr. '52 and mother of John J. Kapp III '81 and Andrew Kapp '84. Her design achievements included the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (The Meadowlands) and the corporate offices and team facilities at Madison Square Garden. (She was also responsible for the orange and purple color scheme of Dinand Library's interior in the 1980s.) Kapp suggested that DeLacey might begin the project by collecting and framing campus memorabilia.

News of the "1843 Room Proposal," as it was called (a nod to the year the College was founded), circulated around campus. The Lower Pub Committee was formed to look into the feasibility of a sound system, a popcorn machine and a portable stage. Students Peter Lloyd Brown '84, Jack Fowler '83, Dino Casagrande '83, Marybeth Burke '84, Kathleen Phipps '84 and Vickie Willis '83 were appointed to a second committee charged with reviewing memorabilia submitted for consideration as wall art.

DeLacey set about drawing up plans and soliciting donations of memorabilia.

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"As a student supervisor, I checked IDs at The Pub door Friday and Saturday nights. One Saturday night in 1977, our boss told us that there might be some 'weird' record company people around that night who might want to enter The Pub; we were to let them in without question. Apparently, there was a band playing in the ballroom upstairs, and they were being scouted for a recording contract. Sure enough, there were a number of non-HC people in Hogan that night. When I was relieved of

## 1843 room proposal accepted

The first phase of a proposal to renovate the 1843 Room was approved by the College last week. Michael DeLacey '83, originator of the proposal, said that the "framing and mounting of memorabilia covering all aspects of Holy Cross should be completed during Christmas break.

DeLacey said the memorabilia will include photographs, cartoons, trophies, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and objects of historical interest gathered over the past year. The final selection had to meet the approval of the Hogan Campus Center Staff, a student advisory panel made up of eight students, and the Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J., vice president of the College.

DeLacey said he was motivated to begin the project because he thought the 1843 Room had the potential to be more than "a great big green box where people went to drink."

"The 1843 Room can and should be a uniquely Holy Cross pub that couldn't be found on any other campus — a pub worthy of the name the 1843 Room," he said.

He said, "The 1843 Room should stand as a tribute to the goals, ideals, and accomplishments of the Holy Cross community. At the same time it should remain a 'fun place to eat and drink.'"

The College has a very rich tradition which can be learned through the memorabilia said DeLacey. He cited the struggle of the Irish Roman Catholics to set up a college, saying, "I want people to know the reason for the founding of an Irish Roman Catholic Institution. It was because we couldn't get into the more established Ivies. It would be a shame if we lost touch with this past now that

we have become more accepted."

At the same time, DeLacey hopes the memorabilia will be updated periodically "to keep it fresh."

Once the first phase of this proposal is complete, DeLacey hopes work will begin on the renovation of



Kossler Photo

**Mike DeLacey '83**

the bar area; the removal of corkboard and mirror and the installation of a more traditional bar. Stools may also be added along the second "leg" of the bar. A conversation pit, made out of old church pews, may also be set up.

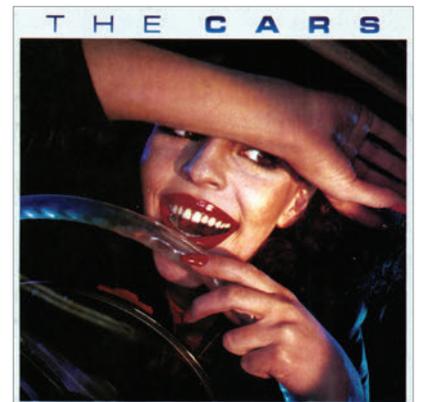
Presently the lower pub committee is looking into the feasibility of a sound system to be funded by the Student Activities Fee Committee, a popcorn popper, and new portable stage. The members of the student advisory council who represented the student body in approving the memorabilia were Peter Lloyd Brown '84, Jack Fowler '83, Dino Casagrande '83, Marybeth Burke '84, Kathleen Phipps '84, and Vickie Wills '83.

— Jane Geaney

my second-floor Pub duty, I went upstairs to the ballroom to check out the band. They were from Boston and were known as The Cars. Very few people were there listening. A few months later, they released their first album and the song 'Just What I Needed' was blasting out of many a dorm room window shortly

thereafter." — Frank Foster '79

"The Pub was basically the upperclassmen's living room. You never needed to go there with anyone else; you could just walk in from wherever you were and feel at home. You were guaranteed to see people you knew or to meet new



people. Jesuit sightings were also common, specifically Fr. K and Fr. Paris. I had some of my best conversations with those guys. Bartending there, I basically felt like I was getting paid to host a house party with friends."

— John "Johnny-O" O'Neill '89

"My favorite Pub story involves studying for the LSAT while one of my closest friends prepared for the MCAT. The fall of our senior year, I knew I wanted to go to law school and my friend Anthony Squillaro '09 wanted to attend medical school. We made a pact that if we didn't see each other out on Caro Street during our studying weekends, we'd each buy the other a beer in The Pub every Tuesday night until our respective exams were over. Ten years into practicing law, I still look back at this time fondly (and thankfully). And Tony is now a very successful surgeon in San Francisco." — Mary Kate Brennan '09



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II.  
**Then came the paraphernalia:**  
**“Nowadays, if you put that ball of gum into a glass box and put it in a gallery, it’d sell for thousands of dollars.”**

In a 1982 interview with “The Crusader,” DeLacey shared his vision for the space:

“The 1843 Room can, and should be, a uniquely Holy Cross pub that couldn’t be found on any other campus – a pub worthy of the name the 1843 Room. [It] should stand as a tribute to the goals, ideals and accomplishments of the Holy Cross community. I want people to know the reason for the founding of an Irish Roman Catholic institution. It was because we couldn’t get into the more established Ivies. It would be a shame if we lost touch with this past now that we have become more accepted.”

The College gave DeLacey a budget of \$4,200 (about \$12,300 today) and permission to approach departments

and areas on campus for contributions. The response was enthusiastic and overwhelming. From the chemistry department, DeLacey received old microscopes that he wired for table lamps. Decommissioned church pews, provenance probably Fenwick Chapel, were donated for the creation of a “conversation pit.” The biology department’s macabre sense of humor manifested itself in an offering of non-human skeletal remains. The theatre department offered production posters.

A meat scale and paneling arrived from Kimball. The campus print shop created self-adhesive wallpaper from old issues of the college newspaper. A spiked farm tool with a crank, which had been gathering dust in one of the Fenwick towers, was converted into a planter. A scallop shell niche, the kind that typically frames a church statue, became housing for a television. From the Field House’s stores came a small-scale replica of the New York Athletic Club’s Winged Mercury, which was installed behind the bar. Vinyl records and albums arrived from the

(*opposite*) The Crusader reports on DeLacey’s plan; Fr. Harman, circa 1982, then vice president; The Cars’ self-titled debut album; (*above*) When Hogan Campus Center first opened in 1967, the space occupied by The 1843 Room (now The Pub) housed a bowling alley.

music department. Ken Happe ’58, associate professor of classics, came up with inscription that sat over the bar: *In Vino Veritas*. About 100 members of the campus community, including electricians, carpenters, plumbers and frame makers from facilities, pitched in to help. A maintenance crew checked in daily, as DeLacey and others worked while the radio repeatedly played Men at Work’s then-current hit, “Down Under.”

Visual arts major Mary Jaeger ’83 designed the logo: a beer mug emblazoned with “1843 Room,” which was featured on pub marketing materials and bumper stickers.

DeLacey did have to take a pass on at least two donations. One, from James M. Mahoney ’37, Holy Cross librarian,



was a gift decades in the making. “It was a bag filled with all the scrapings of gum, a ball the size of a melon, from under the long oak tables in the library,” DeLacey remembers. “Mr. Mahoney kind of saw some merit in that, which I give him great credit for.”

Gag reflex aside, it was kind of fun and avant-garde if viewed through a Dadaist lens, he says: “Nowadays, if you put that ball of gum into a glass box and put it in a gallery, it’d sell for thousands of dollars. Mr. Mahoney was ahead of his time.”

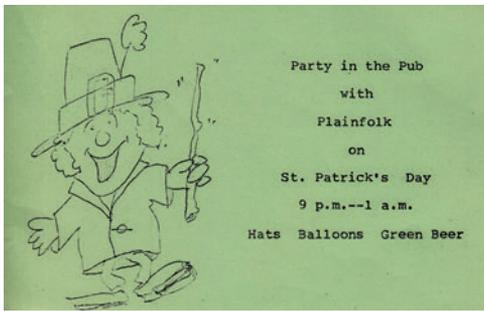
Diehard Dadaists might also have approved of the Field House employee who, upon hearing DeLacey’s donation pitch, pointed to a jockstrap-filled laundry cart in a corner: “Can you do anything with those?”

(above) The 1843 Room’s conversation pit featured repurposed church pews, a card catalog and a rug, the latter donated by the Jesuit community. Contributions to the remodeling effort came from all corners of campus, from the Field House and the music department to the library, Kimball and more; (opposite) 1843 Room memorabilia, including the 1982 Parents Weekend high-roller beer and wine list, and a letter of congratulations on the remodel sent to DeLacey from Fr. Harman.

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“The Pub was fairly empty that night. I was checking the IDs of the first arrivals. There had been a rugby match on campus that day and a few of the visiting team’s members were early visitors; I believe they were from Bates. It was a small group, maybe four or five men, whose partying had started prior to their arrival. They exhibited a real joie de vivre and, as I glanced inside, I saw two of them standing on tables, reaching for some HC memorabilia

hanging from the ceiling while the others cheered them on. I looked around for someone burlier than me to bounce these muscular guests. Out of options, but committed, I assumed my mother’s posture – hands on hips, feet planted in a take-no-prisoners-style – and spoke with confidence: ‘What do you think you’re doing?’ I said. ‘Get down from there right now and move on.’ I had no reason to believe that this would be effective but, lo and behold, the ones on the tables looked down at me sheepishly, climbed down, and they departed without further incident. It’s been on



PARENTS' WEEKEND – 1982

**BEERS**

Budweiser ..... \$.50  
 Budweiser Lite ..... \$.50  
 Michelob Dark ..... \$.50  
 Miller ..... \$.50  
 Miller Lite ..... \$.50

**WINES**

Geyser Peak  
 Cabernet Sauvignon ..... \$.75  
 Orvilla  
 Italian Semi-Dry White ..... \$.50  
 Penedés  
 Red Spanish Table Wine ..... \$.50

**CHAMPAGNE**

Jaques Bonet ..... \$.50



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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

17 January 1983

Michael,

By now I hope you realize that the "verdict" on the 1843 Room renovations is: TERRIFIC! GREAT JOB! LOOKS PERFECT!

I think you should have a healthy sense of accomplishment and I thank you for your efforts and courtesy in approaching me.

As the semester goes on I look forward to hearing that we have made some progress in the "Pub" and how you plan the tradition along.

Thank you, Mike!

Paul F. Hammon, Jr.

my Two Truths and a Lie list ever since." – Jeanine Stewart '86

"My favorite memory is that of crafting a bespoke history class with Fr. K, then history chair, and three classmates. We picked the Vietnam War. We read a book a week and gathered in The Pub on Wednesday nights to discuss it. Best. Class. Ever."  
 – Tim Hanlon '91

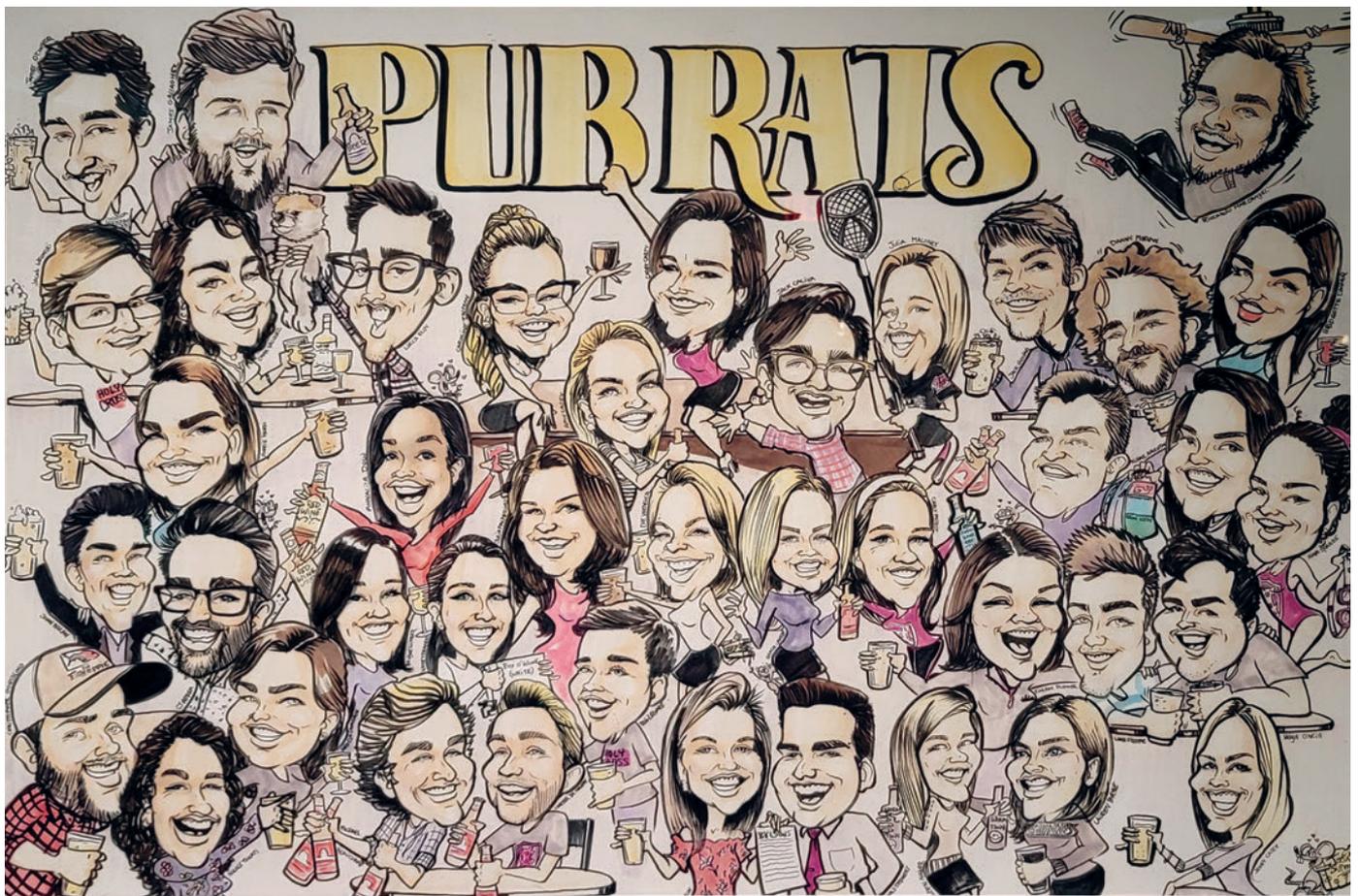
"My best memories were of bartending and playing OutKast

on replay as the DJ, serving 2-for-1 drafts to my fellow seniors and changing kegs that I swore weighed more than I did!"  
 – Michael Meyers '98

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**III.**  
**And all raised a glass and toasted their success.**

In February 1983, about a year after DeLacey's first conversation with Fr.



Brooks, volunteers received an invitation to a “Thanks-Giving” celebration in the 1843 Room hosted by the Campus Center Board of Directors, the Hogan Campus Center – and Michael DeLacey. The invitation is among the many pieces of personal memorabilia DeLacey has preserved from that time. Pictures of the finished 1843 Room, with its dark wood furnishings and low lighting, have a “Game of Thrones”-meets-Hogwarts vibe.

In DeLacey’s scrapbook, the “Thanks-Giving” invitation shares space with a 1982 Parents Weekend beer and wine list advertising Budweiser, Geysers Peak Cabernet Sauvignon and Jacques Bonet Champagne. Geysers Peak was the big-spender option at 75 cents a glass.

By any standard, the redesigned 1843 Room was a hands-down success. Student newspaper *The Crusader* proclaimed “Good Pub is Good Invest-

(above) Students who sport exceptional attendance at The Pub — such as these members of the class of 2018 — are memorialized on the annual caricature poster, a tradition that dates back decades.

(opposite, top) The Pub in 1975, pre-remodel. (opposite, bottom) Members of the class of 1964 enjoy a drink in The Pub during their 50th reunion, left to right: Ray Hyer, Jim F.X. Doyle, Ron Maheu, Bill Hoye, Mike Hennessey, Bob Hickey, John J. Smith and Phil Metres.

ment” and quoted Fr. Harman who said, “Great job. Looks great.” On its opening night, attendees donated \$1,100.

Soon the 1843 Room, increasingly referred to simply as “The Pub,” was a central fixture in seminal events in the life of a Holy Cross student and was often the first stop on a 21st birthday and where a person ended up after 10 p.m. Mass on Sunday nights. It launched the satiric comedy troupe *The Not Ready For Fenwick Players*. Predecessor of *The Crusadists*, *The Not Ready For Fenwick Players* comprised juniors and seniors who performed for their classmates on Spring Weekends from the early 1980s through the early 2000s.

Over the years, another tradition, the annual creation of the Pub Rat poster, developed. This involved Pub-regular seniors waiting in long lines to sit for a caricaturist who would draw their likenesses on a poster headed with the words “Pub Rats,” which would subsequently be framed and hung on the wall, a tradition that continues to this day.

Student DJs such as Rob “DJ Sully” Sullivan ’89 provided The Pub with a soundtrack. During Sullivan’s tenure, *The Talking Heads*, *The Cure*, *INXS* and *David Bowie* were staples, along with discrete songs of the day: Rick James’ “Super Freak” and Grandmaster Flash’s “White Lines,” “She Drives Me Crazy”





by the Fine Young Cannibals and The Nails’ “88 Lines about 44 Women.” The 1843 Room had no music collection of its own, so student DJs had to haul their own music to the sound booth for their shifts each week.

Jeremiah “Chip” O’Connor ’83, then Pub manager, now the College’s director of auxiliary services, was really into music, Sullivan recalls: “And we DJs loved the idea of doing it. And it was a great gig, \$25 bucks an hour, which was huge money for not having to do anything other than what I would’ve been doing anyway.”

“DJing – that was magical – in hindsight, that is. I don’t think I

recognized it at the time, but it really was. I remember a classmate of mine, Tim O’Keefe ’89, nicknamed me ‘DJ Sully,’ which I always thought was hilarious because as a little kid I made it clear to people that I didn’t want to be called ‘Sully.’ So no one ever called me that, but Tim did. And, by that point in my life, I didn’t care. He’d be like, ‘Hey! DJ Sully!’ and it became my identity, my way of finding my place at Holy Cross. And I loved it.”

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“I was a Pub Rat in 2005. The Pub was open either Tuesdays or Wednesdays and Fridays at that

time; the weekday night was the more popular night. On that night, The Pub was packed before the crowd made it out to the local bars. Friday night was much quieter and attendance on Fridays determined who would be a Pub Rat. At the end of the year, all of the Rats had sweatshirts made with our name and ‘attendance rank’ on the sleeve. I was #2.” – Robert Lynch ’05

“I was selected as a Pub Rat for the 2014 poster. Tuesday nights, my friends and I would go have a few beverages and support our talented friends who performed at Crossroads’ 10-Spot, a small stage where students played music, sang,



In Fall 2021, student organizers moved Pub events outside, taking place under a tent on the Hoval (*opposite page, bottom*) and (*above*) front row, left to right: the class of 2022's Catherine Koene, Julia Neeld, Dylan Healy, and back row, left to right: Jack Swords, Brendan McCarthy, Jack Tessier, Ian McIvor and Richard Dineen. Pub Nights later headed inside when the weather turned cold: (*opposite page, top right*) Ryan Murphy, Brendan Sheedy, Liam Houlihan, Pat Demakos, Patrick O'Connor and Steve Smith; (*opposite page, top left*) the class of 2014's Alex Milone, Neil Curran and Alexandria Catherall perform at The Pub during their junior year.

read poetry and did comedy. Some nights, we'd leave our backpacks and books in the stacks at Dinand and grab a quick beer or two before heading back. It was a great way to break up the week of work, but also just really nice to have a place to go on campus as well." – *Dominic Dipersia '14*

"My first time at The Pub I wasn't supposed to be there. I was a sophomore and in the Chamber Singers, and we had just finished performing a set of jazz songs in Crossroads. The performance went better than we anticipated – people wound up pushing the tables aside to dance – and afterward, the seniors went to The Pub. I was just 19, but my friends insisted I join them. So, in the spirit of the evening – the theme of our set was "Speakeasy" – I ducked under the rope and we had a blast. Senior year, my friends and I spent most Tuesday nights at The Pub. Whether we were taking a break from studying or coming to unwind after working a dinner shift in Kimball, Pub Night

was always a welcome break. And though we made plenty of good memories as Pub Rats, my first clandestine visit will always be my favorite." – *Tim Rice '16*



**IV. And change is just what comes next.**

Much of the memorabilia gathered by students back in 1982 was removed when The Pub was renovated in 1997. In 2021, no trace remains of the retrofitted lamps or the farm machinery. The pews, the card catalog, the niche and the steamer trunk have been replaced by high tops and barstools. The once hunter-green walls wear a coat of purple paint. Yet traces of the 1843 Room remain for those who know where to look. Its walls still bear some of the memorabilia DeLacey painstakingly matted and framed over winter break back in 1983. The black-and-white photographs of United States presidents and Holy Cross commencement speakers Teddy Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson are

still there, joined by a picture of Pope John Paul II with the Holy Cross Choir when it performed at the Vatican in 1989. And some of the Pub Rats posters are there, too, albeit the more recent ones. Today's Pub is a lighter, brighter, more contemporary experience than that of the 1843 Room in its early days.

The spirit of the space remains, though. In fact, in times of great stress or tragedy, The Pub has been a place of solace for students such as Darnell Weir '04, who tended bar for his classmates.

"The shift I remember would be the one on 9/11. After the day's events and trying to catch up with my family in New York, sitting in The Pub with a couple of buddies felt like the most normal thing to do. One of my best friends at HC, Doug Hommel '02, passed away a few years back, and if there's anything I've learned about people and bartending it's this: Lend an ear when you can; lend a hand when you can. Enjoy the small moments. Don't take them for granted. Laughter with your friends is an elixir for many of life's ills. I found The Pub was a place of comfort, joy and companionship. I'd bartend again in a heartbeat."

Over the years, The Pub's days and hours of operation have changed, too. In its heyday, the 1843 Room was open seven days a week, later reducing to one to two nights weekly. In the era of COVID, there have been fewer Pub Nights than in years past, but a coterie of students are continuing the tradition, with a new twist. Last fall, class of 2022 members Jules Cashman, along with friends Connor McNerney, Lucy Rizzo, Will Rehm and Charlie Reynolds, worked to move the weekly Pub Night outdoors, under a large tent that nearly encompassed The Hoval. "Holy Cross Dining Services really kept everything going this fall," Cashman says. "They're the best and really dedicated." Later in the semester, The Pub hosted Friendsgiving before Thanksgiving break, as well as a Christmas gathering. Cashman notes that President Vincent D. Rougeau even stopped by a Pub

Night last fall.

Nearly four decades later, DeLacey is pragmatic about the changes that have occurred over the years. "The 1843 Room was a creation; it wasn't historical," he says. "I wanted to create that experience of living with and celebrating our history, and we took what was formerly a bowling alley and did something with it that was kind of fun. It was an adaptive use or reuse project, as opposed to a preservation project."

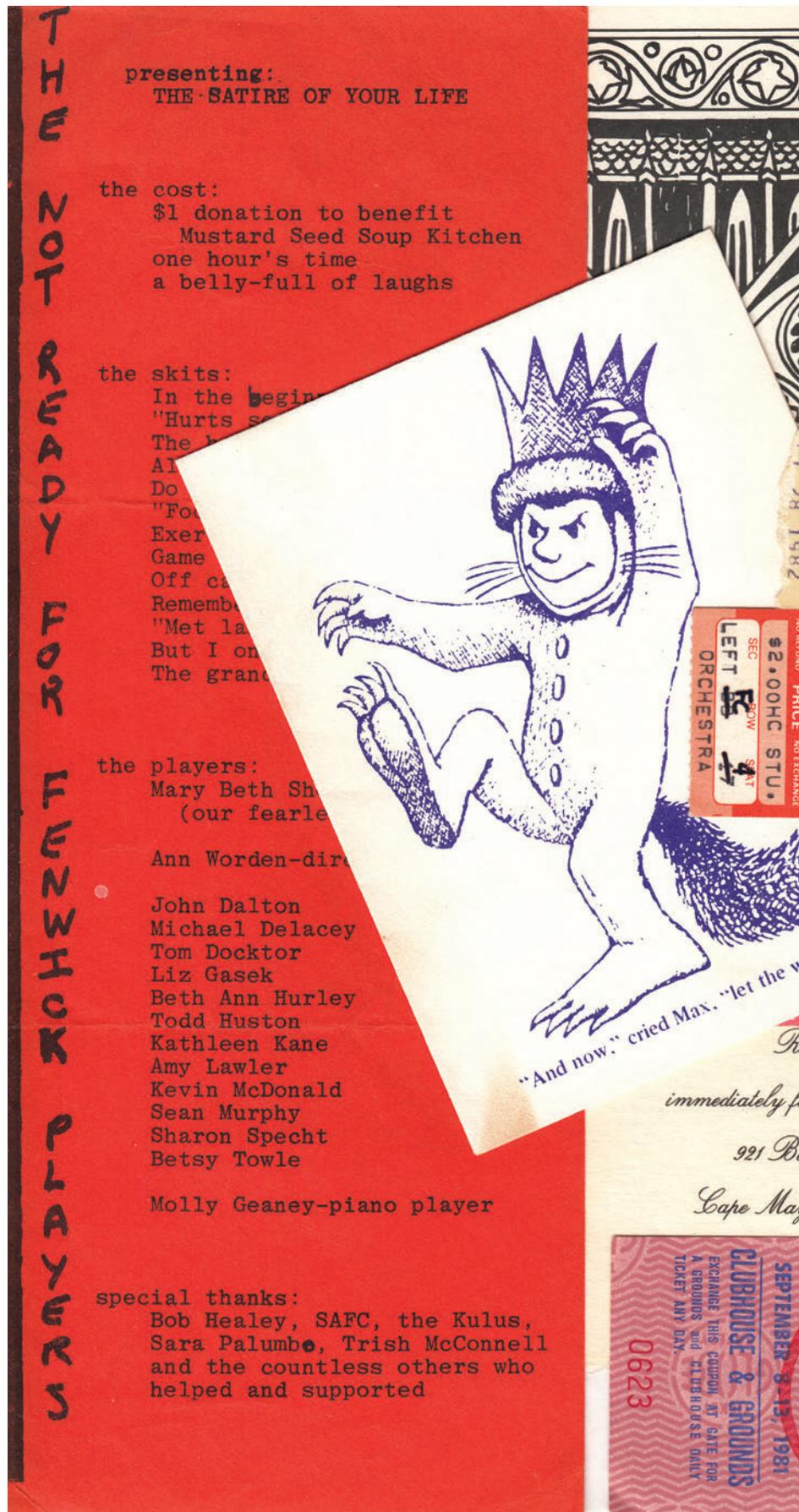
After Holy Cross, DeLacey made a career for himself in historic preservation, which primes a person for the inevitable advance of progress, he says.

"Change is just what happens and that's OK," he notes. "It's a good thing. I was sort of surprised when I came back and The Pub wasn't the 1843 Room I remembered. But it was also not a big deal because I had moved on. What becomes interesting in that moment is that you can look back and see evolution."

DeLacey gestures to the accessibility ramps in Crossroads: "Those are good things. We weren't thinking back then how very difficult it would have been for someone in a wheelchair to negotiate the 1843 Room. And diversity is a good thing. When I look at some of the earlier Pub Rat posters, the caricatures, they're not as diverse as the student body is nowadays. Change is a good thing."

And to quibble over whether metal barstools are an improvement over oak pews is to miss the point, DeLacey says. That The Pub still is, is what matters. There is space enough for history and progress – and an ever-expanding archive of memory because what was a big, green box has become the room where it happened for thousands of alumni.

"There are events, like the Catholic Mass, or holidays, like Christmas, or places, like Scrooge's bedchamber, where past, present and future come together," DeLacey says. "I think many Holy Cross friendships are like that, and at least some of those friendships found common ground in the 1843 Room." ■





Take yourself back to The 1843 Room — and the '80s — via this playlist of frequently played Pub classics. The playlist\* is available free on Spotify at [holycross.edu/hcm/pubplaylist](https://holycross.edu/hcm/pubplaylist).

# DJ SULLY'S PUB SETLIST

- 01**  
"88 Lines About 44 Women"  
by *The Nails*
- 02**  
"White Lines"  
by *Grandmaster Flash*
- 03**  
"Super Freak"  
by *Rick James*
- 04/05/06**  
"Campfire Song,"  
"Cherry Tree,"  
"Hey Jack Kerouac"  
by *10,000 Maniacs*
- 07/08**  
"Angel Eyes,"  
"More Than This"  
by *Roxy Music*
- 09**  
"Sultans of Swing (Live)"  
by *Dire Straits*
- 10**  
"(Feels Like) Heaven"  
by *Fiction Factory*
- 11/12**  
"Primary (Live),"  
"A Forest (Live)"  
by *The Cure*
- 13/14**  
"Clampdown,"  
"London Calling"  
by *The Clash*
- 15/16**  
"Heaven,"  
"Love My Way"  
by *Psychedelic Furs*
- 17**  
"The Backyard"  
by *Miracle Legion*
- 18**  
"I Melt With You"  
by *Modern English*
- 19**  
"Anxious"  
by *The Housemartins*
- 20**  
"Relentless"  
by *Red 7*
- 21**  
"She Drives Me Crazy"  
by *Fine Young Cannibals*
- 22/23**  
"City Girl,"  
"Girl in Red"  
by *Speidel, Goodrich, Goggin (SGGL)*
- 24/25**  
"Solsbury Hill (Live),"  
"I Go Swimming (Live)"  
by *Peter Gabriel*
- 26/27**  
"Franklin's Tower,"  
"Scarlet Begonias"  
by *The Grateful Dead*
- 28**  
"December African Rain"  
by *Johnny Clegg & Juluka*
- 29**  
"Sunday Papers"  
by *Joe Jackson*
- 30/31**  
"Pocket Calculator,"  
"Tour de France"  
by *Kraftwerk*
- 32**  
"Ça Plane Pour Moi"  
by *Plastic Bertrand*
- 33**  
"Every Day is Halloween"  
by *Ministry*
- 34**  
"Genius of Love"  
by *Tom Tom Club*
- 35/36**  
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"Crosseyed and Painless"  
by *Talking Heads*
- 37/38**  
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"Carnival of Sorts"  
by *R.E.M.*
- 39/40**  
"Bad,"  
"The Three Sunrises"  
by *U2*
- 41/42**  
"Save It For Later,"  
"Best Friend"  
by *English Beat*
- 43**  
"Faults and All"  
by *General Public*
- 44/45**  
"Love Vigilantes,"  
"Bizarre Love Triangle"  
by *New Order* ■



# Football Caps Big Weekend with Big Win at Polar Park



The Crusaders won their third-straight Patriot League Football Championship with a 45-6 victory at Bucknell on Nov. 20, 2021. The team was undefeated in league play for the first time since 1991.



responsible for administration of its men’s basketball and football teams. He came to Bowling Green following seven years at North Carolina State University.

“My family and I are thrilled to join what we know to be a very special community at Holy Cross. It is an honor to be selected by President Rougeau and the search committee to represent the proud tradition and passionate alumni of Crusader Athletics,” Hughes says. “I look forward to working side-by-side with our talented student-athletes, coaches and staff as we relentlessly pursue excellence in all areas of the Holy Cross experience. I believe this is an institution at which one can truly have it all, and I am excited to join the team as we strive to serve, support and challenge our athletics family to achieve its full potential. The best is yet to come, and I cannot wait to get started.”

Hughes earned his bachelor’s degree in sociology in 2001 from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and received his master’s degree in higher education from Boston College in 2006. He was a four-year letterman in lacrosse at Bowdoin and led his team to the ECAC Championship in 2001.

A Massachusetts native, Hughes is married to Kathrine (Ranere) and the couple has four children: daughter Finley, 13, and sons Coady, 12, Cullen, 10, and Griffin, 10.

Hughes takes over a Holy Cross Athletics program that boasts 27 NCAA Division I teams as members of the Patriot League, Atlantic Hockey Association and the Women’s Hockey East Association. ■

## College Names Kit Hughes as New Athletics Director

**H**oly Cross President Vincent D. Rougeau announced in December 2021 that the College has hired Christopher “Kit” Hughes, an experienced athletics administrator and former student-athlete, as its new director of intercollegiate athletics.

Hughes, 42, comes to Mount St. James from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, where he served as deputy athletic director. He began his work at the College in January.

“Throughout our national search process, it was apparent that Kit understood and embraced our Jesuit mission and the significant role athletics plays at Holy Cross,” President Rougeau says. “As a former student-athlete, coach and administrator, he brings broad and relevant experience to his new role. His principled leadership, commitment to academic excellence and integrity, and deep experience in creating the strategic vision and structures that enable success stood out to the search committee, and make him an outstanding fit for the College. I’m excited to welcome Kit and his family to the Holy Cross community, and look forward to working with him to build a bright future for Crusader Athletics.”

While at Bowling Green, Hughes helped lead day-to-day operations of the Falcons’ athletic department, and was

### NAME AND AGE

Christopher “Kit” Hughes, 42

### EXPERIENCE

Deputy athletic director, Bowling

Green State University

Assistant athletic director for corporate relations, North Carolina State University

### EDUCATION

Bachelor’s degree in sociology, Bowdoin College  
Master’s degree in higher education, Boston College

### ATHLETICS

Four-year letterman in lacrosse at Bowdoin and led his team to the ECAC Championship in 2001

### FAMILY

Wife, Kathrine; children, Finley, 13, Coady, 12, Cullen, 10, and Griffin, 10



## Women's Basketball's Levin '84 Honored at Hart Center

The women's basketball lounge in the Hart Center at the Luth Athletic Complex was named in honor of the program's all-time scoring leader, Sherry Levin '84, on Nov. 19, 2021.

Levin, who scored 2,253 points in her 1980-1984 Crusader career (a period without a 3-point shot), was also honored at the Holy Cross-UMass game that evening. Inducted into the Holy Cross Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 1989, Levin also holds the records

for scoring average (21.8 ppg), field goals made (842) and free throws made (569).

"I am honored to have had such a memorable night at the naming of the women's basketball lounge," says Levin, longtime girls basketball head coach at Worcester Academy. "I was overwhelmed with joy to have my dear coach, Togo Palazzi '54, the ADs at the time – Mr. Ron Perry and Diane Holt Berkovitz – my classmates and, of course, my teammates together for this recognition. We were the cornerstones of the women's basketball program and to have some of us standing together at center court was a thrill."

The lounge, adjacent to the women's locker room, was blessed by former Crusader basketball star Rev. Earle Markey, S.J., '53, who served as dean of students during Levin's years on Mount St. James, and Rabbi Eric Gurvis, the Levin family's rabbi, who also blessed

Joining Levin at center court on Nov. 19 were Bridget (Ireland) Cafaro '84, Laura (Gyle) Smith '84, Mary Ann Palazzi '83, Togo Palazzi '54, Levin's daughter, Marcia Zimmerman, Kim (Kelly) Benzan '87, Ted Lynch '84 and Phylis Townsend '84.

and placed a mezuzah on the door.

Levin's '84 classmates raised money to have the space named in her honor. She gives special thanks to Ted Lynch '84, who led the effort and "who, along with contributions from Holy Cross staff members, made the event so special for me and my family. Having my daughter, Marcia, and my mom, Leona, to share in the love was so meaningful.

"Being the first woman to receive a full athletic scholarship is something that will never change," Levin says. "My scoring records may someday be surpassed, but my memories and connections with Holy Cross will last a lifetime." ■



## HC Tied for No. 1 Nationally in Graduation Success Rate

**H**oly Cross' Athletics teams are tied for first in the nation with an overall graduation rate of 99%, according to the Graduation Success Rate Report released by the NCAA in December 2021. This marks the second straight year in which the Crusaders have led the nation and the 15th consecutive year in which they have posted a Graduation Success Rate of at least 97%.

“Our Holy Cross student-athletes seek excellence in the highest levels of athletics and academics, and I am proud of their ability to juggle the rigorous demands of both,” College President Vincent D. Rougeau says. “Our consistent graduation rate success reflects our Jesuit mission to champion the whole person, including each student’s intellectual, extracurricular, social and spiritual dimensions. The entire campus community can celebrate this achievement, knowing that outcomes like these are a wonderful example of the collaborative and effective teamwork we enjoy at the College.”

Holy Cross finished in an eight-way tie for first in the nation at 99%, matching Columbia, Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, La Salle, Lafayette and Yale.

The data reflects the six-year graduation rates for college athletes who entered school in 2014, for which the NCAA has compiled sport-by-sport figures. The average Graduation Success Rate for all sports at the NCAA’s 357 Division I schools is 89%. ■

## Stiles Appointed New Head Softball Coach

**H**oly Cross named Kimberly Stiles its new head coach of the softball program in September 2021. The 10th head coach in program history, she owns a career record of 275-232 and has posted six straight winning seasons.

For the past five years, Stiles was head coach at the University of Charleston, posting an overall mark of 141-83. During the 2021 season, the Golden Eagles went 30-14 overall with a 23-9 mark in the Mountain East Conference. Stiles had four players earn first team All-Mountain East honors, with two making the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Atlantic Region squad.

Previously in 2020, Stiles’ team had the best start in program history

at 14-2 and was ranked 23rd in the nation, before the remainder of the season was canceled due to COVID-19. In 2019, the Golden Eagles went 33-21 overall and 21-11 in the Mountain East Conference, with two selections to the All-Mountain East first team and the All-Region team.

Prior to her time at Charleston, Stiles spent six years as the head coach at Davis & Elkins College from 2011-2016. She posted a 33-21 mark in 2016 and won at least 20 games in four of her six seasons at the helm of the program.

A native of Thurmont, Maryland, Stiles played one year at the University of Vermont before transferring to the University of Pittsburgh for her final three seasons. She was a two-time Big East Academic All-Star selection for the Panthers, and earned NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete honors for the Catamounts.

Stiles earned her bachelor’s degree in communication and political science from Pittsburgh in 2007, then received her master’s degree in kinesiology and athletic administration from Midwestern State in 2009. ■



## Football Gets Historic Playoff Win in Last-Minute Thriller

Crusaders celebrate undefeated Patriot League season and third straight league championship.

**T**he Holy Cross football team made history in the final minutes of its NCAA D-I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) first-round playoff matchup against Sacred Heart on Nov. 27, mounting an 11-play, 80-yard drive to pull ahead with 14 seconds remaining and capture its first FCS playoff win in College history.

The No. 24 Crusaders trailed the

Pioneers for the first 59 minutes and 46 seconds of the game until sophomore quarterback Matthew Sluka connected with sophomore wide receiver Jalen Coker (*above*) for

the go-ahead score. The touchdown secured a 13-10 win for the Crusaders at Fitton Field, the program's first home playoff game in 38 seasons.

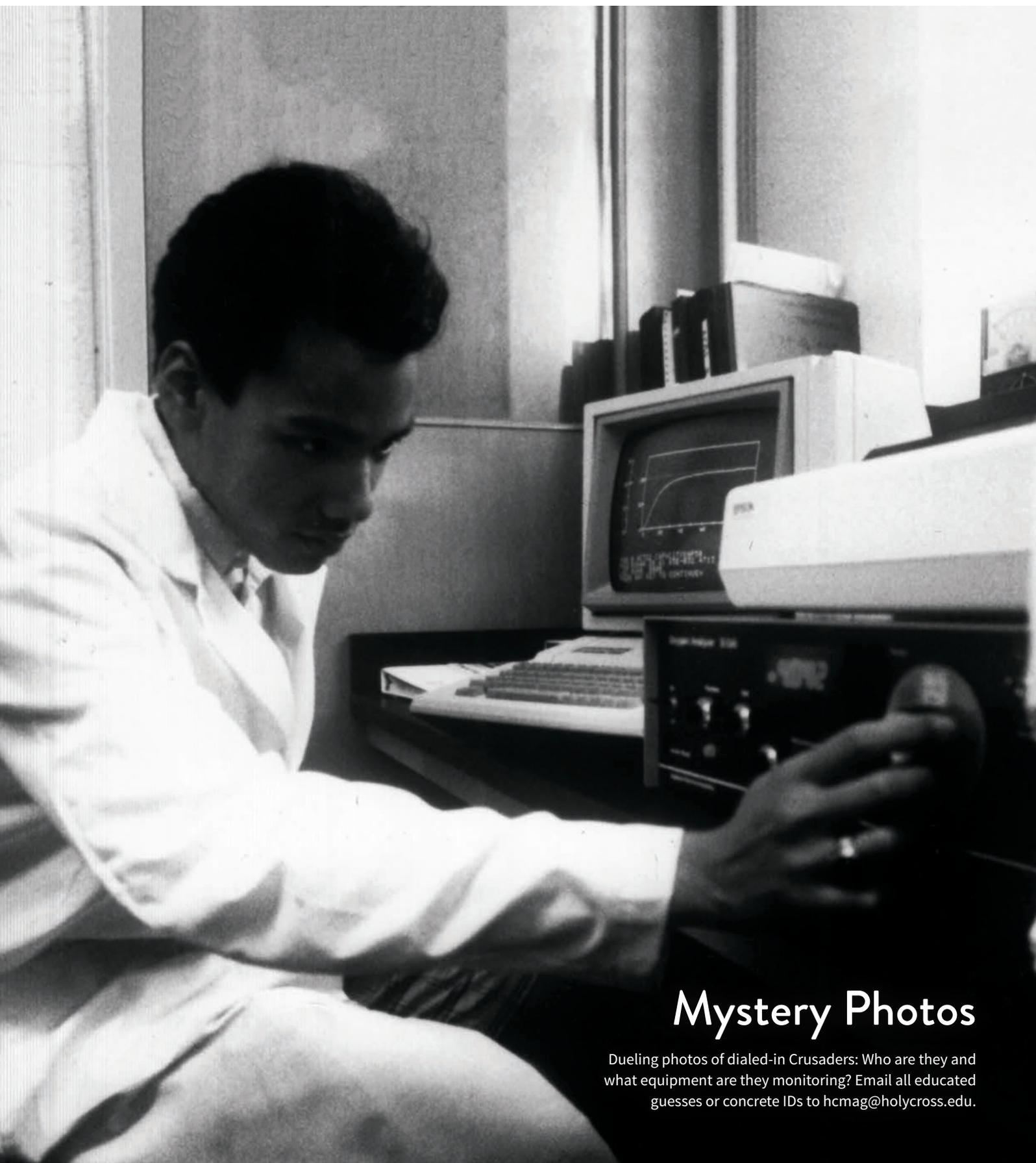
With the victory, Holy Cross posted its first 10-win season since 1991. The Crusaders won seven games in a row, their longest winning streak since 1991. The team nearly stretched its streak to 8, narrowly falling to fifth-seeded Villanova in the second-round game, 21-16, on Dec. 3 at Villanova Stadium.

It was a season of many accomplishments for the team, which began its season with an away win over the University of Connecticut, its first over

a Football Bowl Subdivision team since 2002. The Crusaders finished a full Patriot League schedule undefeated for the first time since the 1991 season, securing their third straight Patriot League championship. The team's six league wins were the most in program history.

"It really was just an unbelievable season of firsts, and I think what we did was really just change everything in a very short period of time," Holy Cross coach Bob Chesney said in an interview with the *Telegram & Gazette*. "That came from all of us believing in each other and staying true to the mission, even when it got challenging or difficult or when we weren't sure. There were blind leaps of faith they had to take and they did just that. In the end, we're all better for it."

In his four years leading the program, Chesney is 25-16. ■



## Mystery Photos

Dueling photos of dialed-in Crusaders: Who are they and what equipment are they monitoring? Email all educated guesses or concrete IDs to [hcmag@holycross.edu](mailto:hcmag@holycross.edu).





## A Note From Laura

Happy New Year!

In the first six months of my presidency, I've had the good fortune to be back on campus for a variety of events, including Move-In Day, a board of trustees meeting and Homecoming Weekend. Each of these visits provided me with the opportunity to connect with different members of the Holy Cross community: students, alumni, staff, faculty, administrators and trustees. The common thread across these occasions was the shared passion, excitement and support for Holy Cross.

This enthusiasm was especially evident over inauguration weekend when we officially welcomed President Vincent Rougeau to Holy Cross. It was an inspiring and historic moment as past-President Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., presented the College's mace to our first lay and Black president.

In my inauguration welcome to President Rougeau, I spoke about the power of the Holy Cross community and how it persists after commencement. Our alumni are passionate about supporting current students, fellow alumni and alma mater. In that spirit, the various HCAA committees are working on a number of in-person and virtual events for alumni engagement in the upcoming months.

One such event, which truly exemplifies the spirit of "men and women for and with others," is Holy Cross Cares. Scheduled for March through May, this multisite event brings alumni together to volunteer in their local communities. Activities

range from a couple of people organizing a clothing drive to a larger group cleaning up a park. Like last year, we will offer alumni and friends a remote option for participation. To learn more about how you can participate in this day of service, please visit [holycross.edu/hccares](http://holycross.edu/hccares).

Another signature HCAA spring event is Classroom Revisited. Join fellow alumni and parents on Saturday, April 2 for a series of on-campus lectures and workshops offered by Holy Cross faculty members. We're also hoping to offer at least one virtual "class." Please visit [holycross.edu/alumni](http://holycross.edu/alumni) for details.

One of my many highlights from this past fall was participating in the alumni awards ceremony. It was an honor to celebrate this special group of alumni and recognize their varied and vast accomplishments. If you know an alumnus/a who has demonstrated outstanding service to alma mater, please consider nominating them for the 2022 In Hoc Signo or Young Alumni Leadership Award. More information about HCAA award nominations can be found below.

Warm wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead! ■

Thank you,  
**Laura Cutone Godwin '96**  
*HCAA president*  
[lauracutone96@gmail.com](mailto:lauracutone96@gmail.com)

## Call for Young Alumni and In Hoc Signo Award Nominations

The Holy Cross Alumni Association invites nominations for the 2022 In Hoc Signo and Young Alumni Leadership awards. The In Hoc Signo Award is the alumni association's highest honor and recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves

by their dedicated, outstanding and lengthy service to the College, alumni organizations, regional clubs or class. The Young Alumni Leadership Award is presented to an alumnus/a who has graduated within the past 10 years (2012- 2021) and has demonstrated outstanding service to alma mater

through the alumni association's committees and activities, regional club or class. The deadline for submitting nominations, noting the qualifications of each nominee, is Jan. 28. ■

*For more details on the standards of eligibility and nomination forms, visit [holycross.edu/alumni](http://holycross.edu/alumni). Questions about the awards can be directed to the Office of Alumni Relations at 508-793-2418 or [hcaa@holycross.edu](mailto:hcaa@holycross.edu).*



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# The HCLA Recognizes Three Outstanding Lawyers

The Holy Cross Lawyers Association (HCLA) is proud to announce the winners of this year's awards, which will be conferred at a virtual ceremony during Winter Homecoming 2022.

The Edward Bennett Williams '41 Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to Theodore "Ted" Wells Jr. '72, Hon. '18. The award recognizes a Holy Cross alumnus/a or faculty member whose contributions to the legal profession for an extended period of time have been truly exemplary as recognized by peers and/or the general public. The awardee will have made a positive impact on the administration of justice and demonstrated loyalty to Holy Cross.

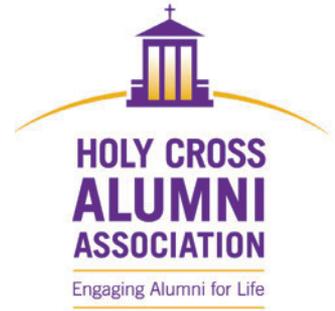
A litigation partner of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, Wells is being recognized for his lifetime of work in service of his purpose and conviction for freedom and civil rights. An economics major at Holy Cross, he was awarded an honorary degree from the College in 2018, in recognition of his legal career, service to the College and work championing civil rights, racial and social justice, and educational equality.

The Distinguished Service Award will be given jointly to Thomas O'Brien

'80 and Douglas Ovian '82. This award recognizes an individual or group of Holy Cross graduates or faculty members for their outstanding contribution to the legal profession by making a positive difference in the lives of others through the provision of legal services. It acknowledges Holy Cross graduates who, through the practice of law, embody the Jesuit value of living as people for and with others by sharing their gifts generously, pursuing justice and showing concern for the poor and marginalized.

A senior assistant state's attorney, O'Brien has worked in roles within the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice since 1987. A senior assistant public defender, Ovian has held roles within the State of Connecticut Division of Public Defender Services since 1991. O'Brien and Ovian are being recognized for their collaborative commitment to providing procedural justice in the Connecticut judicial branch and the city of Hartford.

The HCLA extends heartfelt congratulations to this year's award winners. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments and hope that you will join us at Winter Homecoming. For more information on joining the virtual ceremony, email [hcla@holycross.edu](mailto:hcla@holycross.edu). ■



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**The Holy Cross Alumni Association (HCAA)** supports alma mater in its Catholic, Jesuit mission by bringing together the diverse talents, experience and knowledge of Holy Cross alumni. We accomplish this by engaging alumni for life through our reunions, regional clubs, community outreach and intellectual and spiritual formation programs. By these means, we nurture our love for and dedication to Holy Cross, its students and its alumni as men and women for others. ■



## Holy Cross Physicians Association Holds Inaugural Education Event

The Holy Cross Physicians Association (HCPA) hosted its inaugural educational event on campus at Fall Homecoming in October 2021. It featured exceptional talks by Marcus Stoddard, M.D., '78, Louis McIntyre, M.D., '80, Mary-Jane Staba Hogan, M.D., MPH, '86 and Mike

Dubik, M.D., '78. More information and recordings of the talks can be found on the HCPA website: [holycross.edu/alumni/crusaders-connect/affinity-groups/physicians](http://holycross.edu/alumni/crusaders-connect/affinity-groups/physicians).

At that event, the HCPA experienced its first leadership transition. Dr. Dubik

assumed the role of group president and outgoing president Donna LaFontaine, M.D., '81 transitioned into the role of immediate past president. William Hennrikus, M.D., '78 serves as vice president. ■

*The HCPA is eager to engage with fellow and aspiring Holy Cross physicians. Visit the HCPA website to learn more about upcoming projects and initiatives, join the listserv and become involved.*



## Holy Cross Magazine Podcast: Inside Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



In the latest episode of the Holy Cross Magazine Podcast, Col. Patrick Roddy Jr. '99 (*at left*) talks about leading the 3rd U.S. Infantry, the U.S. Army's oldest active-duty regiment, created by Gen. George Washington. Roddy takes listeners inside the preparation, detail and demands behind two of its many high-profile responsibilities: conducting military funerals at Arlington National

Cemetery and its nonstop watch over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. ■

*Download this episode of the Holy Cross Magazine Podcast at [holycrossmagazine.libsyn.com](http://holycrossmagazine.libsyn.com) or via your favorite podcast app: Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Overcast, Stitcher, Deezer or Amazon Alexa via Tune-In ("Alexa, play the Holy Cross Magazine Podcast").*



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**APRIL 8-10, 2022**

## LASO Celebrates 30, Honors Levine

**M**ark your calendars for the Latin American Student Organization's 30th Anniversary, April 8-10, 2022. To commemorate the celebration, the LASO 30th Planning Committee has established the Esther Levine Student Success Fund, recognizing Dean Levine's 35-year career at the College, where she worked diligently to increase diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, while guiding students of color toward successful and enriching experiences on and off The Hill. ■

*To learn more about the fund and the anniversary weekend, visit [www.holycross.edu/laso30](http://www.holycross.edu/laso30).*



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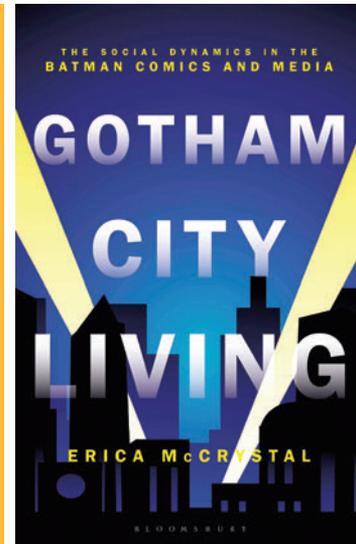
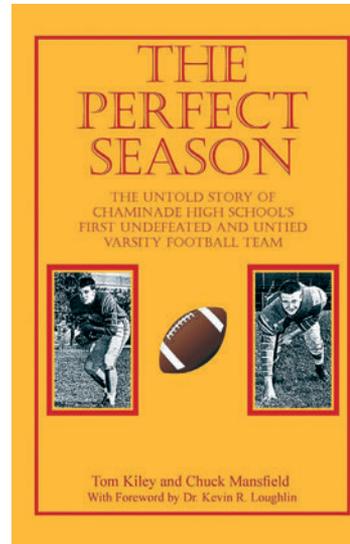
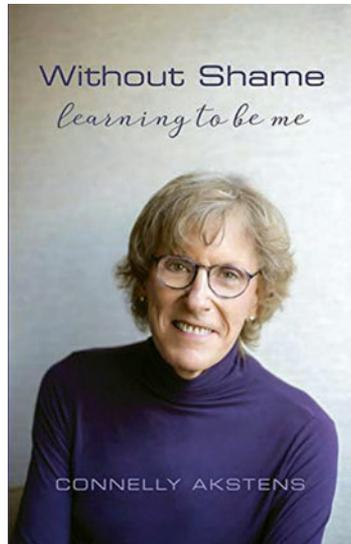
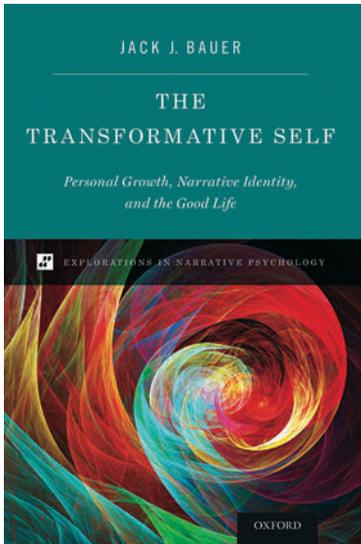
## Classroom Revisited

**R**elive your Holy Cross classroom experience. Registration materials will be sent in February. ■

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**FEBRUARY 26, 2022**

## Winter Homecoming on The Hill

**W**e welcome you back to campus after a trying two years. Visit [www.holycross.edu/homecoming](http://www.holycross.edu/homecoming) to learn more about COVID protocols and a full schedule of events. ■



## From Our Creative Crusaders

BY REBECCA SMITH '99 AND KIMBERLY STALEY '99

### The Transformative Self

*Personal Growth, Narrative Identity, and the Good Life*

By Jack J. Bauer '89

Oxford University Press

A professor of psychology at the University of Dayton, Bauer, in his 2021 release, explores three of life's perennial questions: "How do we make sense of our lives?", "What is a good life?" and "How do we create one?" and examines how people use their life stories to create a meaningful self-identity that helps to cultivate personal growth in the directions of happiness, love and wisdom.

In this comprehensive volume, the developmental psychologist responds to those three questions by

integrating three main areas of study – narrative identity, the good life and personal growth – to present an innovative model of humane flourishing and human development.

In addition to his work teaching, Bauer has edited a book on transcending self-interest, two academic journals and a newspaper in northern Michigan. He lives in Ohio with his wife and two children.

### Without Shame

*Learning to Be Me*  
By Connelly Akstens '68

Potowomut Press

"Without Shame" is Akstens' memoir about her transgender life and her journey to leave shame behind. From her childhood in Boston and Cape Cod, to her days playing basketball on The Hill, to her career in music – and beyond – this book is the story she has wanted to tell for a very long time. Explains Akstens, "I've been blessed with many odd experiences, some stunning misadventures and the acquaintance of many

quirky people. And whatever I have to say about it, or whatever you may think of it, I'm grateful I can finally tell my story without shame."

Author Peter Kaminsky calls the book a "fresh and bracingly honest tale," and editor and author Elizabeth Folwell highly recommends it, describing it as "entertaining, insightful and always approachable."

Active in transgender outreach and education, Akstens currently teaches at Empire State College of The State University of New York. She lives in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, with her spouse, Susanne.

### The Perfect Season

*The Untold Story of Chaminade High School's First Undeclared and Untied Varsity Football Team*  
By Tom Kiley '66 and Chuck Mansfield '66

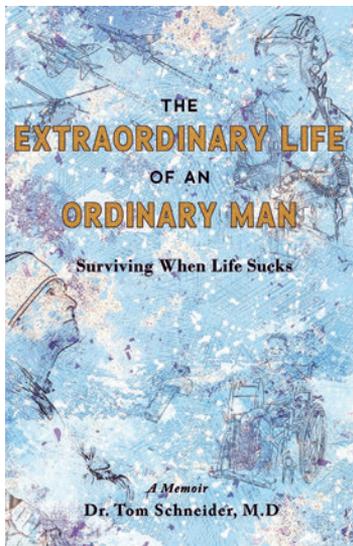
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Co-authored by former teammates at Chaminade, an all-boys Marianist high school in Mineola, New York, "The Perfect Season"

tells the story of the school's 1961 varsity football team's undefeated and untied season.

Heralded as "an inspirational story of how faith, persistence, desire and brotherhood can make great things happen," the book was written to honor the 60th anniversary of the Flyers' victorious season. It includes photos and writings about the team and its success from team members and others connected with the '61 season, "recollections that the contributors all agree molded their lives while at the same time adding a valued quality of life for each of them."

A former football and basketball coach, Kiley retired as a firm administrator for a large New York City law firm. An officer in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Mansfield earned his MBA from New York University; he currently serves as a director emeritus of the funds of Federated Hermes, Inc.



### Gotham City Living

*The Social Dynamics in the Batman Comics and Media*

By Erica McCrystal '08

*Bloomsbury Academic*

Framing Gotham City as a microcosm of a modern-day metropolis, "Gotham City Living" posits this fictional setting as a hyper-aware archetype, demonstrative of the social, political and cultural tensions felt throughout urban America.

Surveying the comics, graphic novels, films and television shows that form the Batman universe, this book demonstrates how the various creators of Gotham City have imagined a geography for the condition of America, the cast of characters – from Batman and Robin to Batgirl, Catwoman and Poison Ivy – acting as catalysts for a reevaluation of established urban values. And McCrystal breaks down representations of the city and its inhabitants into key sociological themes, focusing on youth,

gender, sexuality, race and ethnicity, class disparity and criminality.

McCrystal teaches and directs a graduate program in the Education and Mathematics Department at Centenary University in New Jersey. Creator and host of the podcast Villains 101, she has contributed to the volumes "The Artistry of Neil Gaiman: Finding Light in the Shadows" and "Gothic Studies."

### The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man

*Surviving When Life Sucks*

By Tom Schneider,

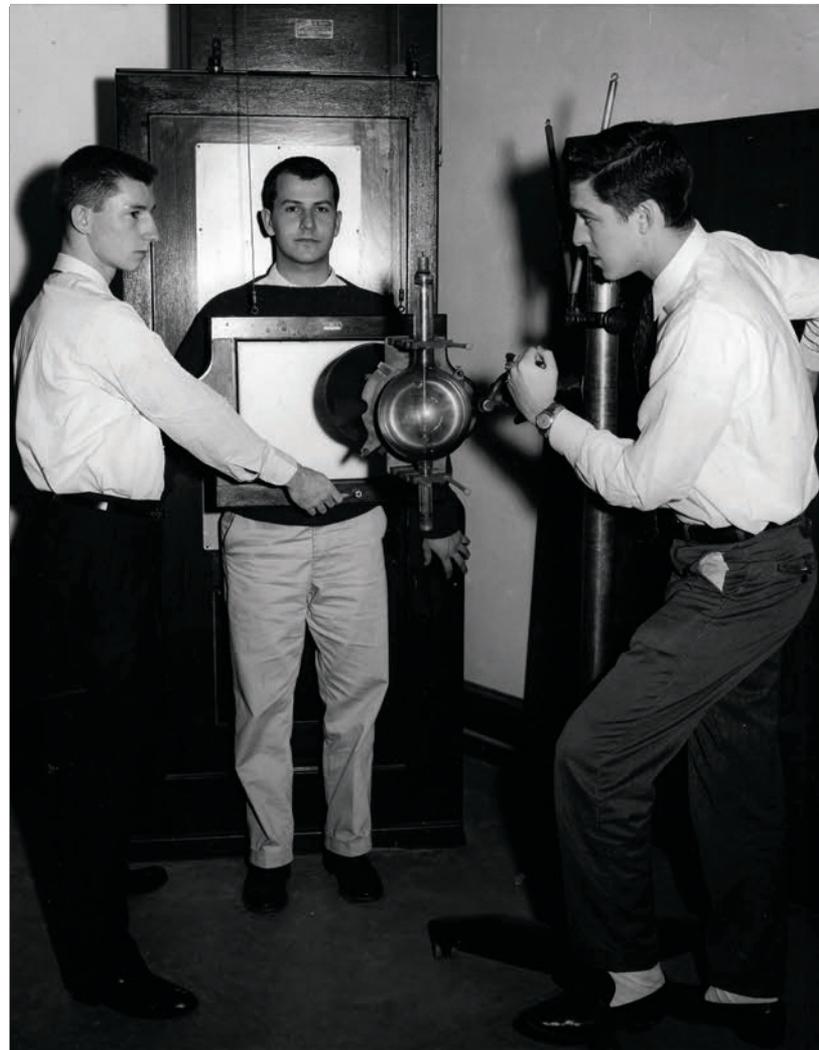
M.D., '67

*Ballast Books*

"The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man" is the inspirational true story of Dr. Schneider's remarkable life.

From his dysfunctional childhood to his terrifying experiences as a U.S. Navy combat pilot in Vietnam, Dr. Schneider overcame many challenges to become a successful physician and family man. According to amazon.com, "The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man' will teach you something about life, death, and the human spirit on every single page."

Dr. Schneider trained and practiced medicine at Georgetown Medical School, Bethesda Naval Hospital, Harvard University and the National Institutes of Health; he lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee, with his wife and daughter. ■



## A Look Inside This Solved Photo

The Fall 2021 Mystery Photo was not a mystery to eagle-eyed Crusaders of the late '50s/early '60s.

"The mystery photo is from the Purple Patcher, 1959, Page 99," writes Jim Foster '62. "This was my freshman year at Holy

Cross."

As it reads in the Patcher: "Physics Society officers take part in interesting electromagnetic and X-ray experiments during a gathering in Alumni labs." Featured in the photo are, left to right, Charles Johnson '59, Bill Reichard '61 and Paul Siconolfi '60.

Our thanks to Jim and others who wrote in with information: George Ford '60, Ann Reichard McHugh '89, Ron Mulcare '60 and Frank Murphy '61. ■



## Fitzgerald '11 Creates Fast-Growing Company With The Goal of Going Out of Business

Their invention, which won the school's New Venture Competition in 2017, connects

Quinn Fitzgerald '11 seeks to empower people through wearable personal safety technology.

BY SANDRA GITTLEN

Quinn Fitzgerald '11 says she has always been interested in the concepts of de-escalation and conflict resolution. She was the first Holy Cross student to create a major in

peace and conflict studies and in 2020 – despite the pandemic – she successfully co-founded a wearable technology company aimed at addressing the issues of violence, to help people identify and de-escalate potentially dangerous situations.

Fitzgerald and Sara Dickhaus de Zarraga, both survivors of sexual assault, developed Flare, a Bluetooth-enabled SOS device discreetly hidden in jewelry such as bracelets and wristbands, while working on their MBAs at Harvard Business School.

to a free app that enables users, with the press of a button, to send friends and family their GPS location, alert first responders or call their own mobile phone with an excuse to leave.

“Everybody says they care about safety and yet we don’t have enough tools in our tool belts to handle iffy situations,” Fitzgerald says. “For instance, if you get a red flag in a situation, such as someone putting their hand on the small of your back, how do you remove yourself? Most people don’t want to make things worse or, in a business



Fitzgerald, above with co-founder Sara Dickhaus de Zarraga, saw their creation win Harvard Business School's New Venture Competition in 2017. The stylish safety bracelets (*above and opposite page*) put the wearer in control in situations ranging from awkward to potentially dangerous, providing three easy safety strategies.

setting, jeopardize their ability to succeed.”

Flare doesn't have a target demographic, as most populations experience dangerous situations, Fitzgerald says. The company's recent Safety in Numbers campaign details sobering statistics, including that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experience sexual violence, and that in 2020, hate crimes in America reached their highest levels in more than a decade.

She says the personal safety industry, which includes fall-risk buttons for the elderly, has marketed based on fear and vulnerability, instead of confidence and control: “We wanted to create a product that lets users reclaim their agency and bring their full self to everything and not hold back.”

**Entrepreneurship and empathy**

Fitzgerald says Harvard Business School and the Obama administration, where she served as assistant director for the White House Business Council, taught her about entrepreneurship and “how to combine technology and business to solve real-world challenges.” However, it was Holy Cross where she learned to advocate for others. “I felt the motto of ‘men and women for and with others’ viscerally,”

she says. “Conflict resolution and safety are very connected to that as well.”

Since its debut nearly two years ago, Flare has received praise from the business press, including being named to Time Magazine's “Best Inventions of 2020” and being spotlighted by Fast Company, Forbes, InStyle and Fortune. The company sold out of its inventory multiple times and was cited by digital intelligence firm SimilarWeb as the fastest growing direct-to-consumer brand with a 313.7% increase in website traffic quarter-over-quarter in the second quarter of 2021.

Despite the acclaim, Fitzgerald notes Flare's true mission is “to put ourselves out of business”: creating a world where the product is no longer needed. ■

## IN MEMORIAM

Holy Cross Magazine publishes **In Memoriam** to inform the College community of the deaths of alumni, trustees, students, employees and friends. In Memoriam content, which is based on obituaries published in public forums or provided directly to HCM by the family, is a limited overview that includes service to alma mater and a survivors listing. Family members are welcome to submit an obituary or additional information, which will be included at the discretion of the editor; due to time and space constraints, the final obituaries will not be sent to family members for approval. Portrait photos from the Purple Patcher appear as space permits and at the discretion of the editor (photos provided by the deceased's family are not accepted). Obituaries 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. To notify the College of a death, please call the Alumni Office at (508) 793-3039 or email [AlumniRecords@holycross.edu](mailto:AlumniRecords@holycross.edu), attaching a copy of an obituary, if available.

**1942**

### Edward F. Daly



Edward F. "Ed" Daly, of Shrewsbury, formerly of Mashpee, Massachusetts,

died on Aug. 25, 2021, at 100. After Holy Cross, Mr. Daly enlisted in the U.S. Army and was recruited by the Office of Strategic Services (O.S.S.), the predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency. He was assigned to Kunming, China, where his unit earned the Presidential Unit Citation. After World War II ended, his unit was among the first soldiers to be assigned to Shanghai, China, as a communications unit. He went on to graduate from Boston College Law School and join the FBI, where he served in Michigan and Washington, D.C. He later took a position in the Labor Department, where he was appointed assistant director in charge of the enforcement of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974. In 2018, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his service to the O.S.S. during World War II. Mr. Daly supported Holy Cross as a member of the 1843 Society and President's Council; he also supported the College's women's basketball program. He is survived by several nieces and nephews, including Mary Ann T. Coppolino '98, Patricia Gibbons Haylon '83 and Joseph P. Daly '90. He was predeceased by three brothers, including Joseph W. Daly '37 and Charles F. Daly '31.

**1944**

### Capt. Patrick F. Sweeney, USN (Ret.)

Capt. Patrick F. Sweeney, USN (Ret.), of Vero Beach, Florida, and Webster Lake, Massachusetts, died on Oct. 31, 2020, at 98. Mr. Sweeney graduated from Holy Cross as part of the war-shortened degree programs. He received a commission in the U.S.

Navy following midshipman's school at Northwestern University, and was assigned duty aboard subchaser SC-658; during the ship's tour of duty patrolling between the Philippines and Okinawa, he was awarded the Navy Command at Sea Button. Following the war, Mr. Sweeney studied at the Grand Seminary of Montreal, was ordained and had his first parish in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He then returned to the Navy as a chaplain, and for the next two decades, he rose through the ranks, serving with Fleet Marine Force units and Navy Shore installations and ministering to troops aboard ships; his last tour of duty was in Hawaii during the Vietnam War. After retiring from service and leaving the priesthood, he taught economics at a junior college for several years. Mr. Sweeney is survived by several nieces and nephews, including John Butler '84 and Michael Dugan '71. He was followed in death by his wife of 46 years, Theresa.

**1945**

### James R. Connors

James R. Connors, of Roseville, Michigan, formerly of Morristown, New Jersey, died on Jan. 29, 2013, at 88. Mr. Connors studied economics and business at Holy Cross and participated in ROTC; he graduated cum laude. Affiliated with Naval ROTC, he later supported the College as a member of President's Council.

### Joseph A. Quigley Jr.

Joseph A. Quigley Jr. died on Dec. 1, 1996. Mr. Quigley participated in ROTC at Holy Cross and was affiliated with Naval ROTC.

### Edward J. Riley Jr.

Edward J. "Ed" Riley Jr., of Marblehead, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 15, 2021, at 97. Mr. Riley participated in ROTC at Holy Cross and, upon graduation, was

immediately deployed to the South Pacific during World War II; he served as a lieutenant officer on a Naval ship. Later, he supported the College as a member of the O'Callahan Society, and he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. Riley is survived by two daughters, one son and their families, including two granddaughters.

**1948**

### John R. Fox

John R. Fox, of Naples, Florida, died on June 22, 2020, at 93. Mr. Fox played football at Holy Cross and was a member of the Varsity Club.

### Walter E. Hoar



Walter E. Hoar, a member of the Holy Cross Varsity Club, died. He is survived by his nephew,

Daniel P. Dacey '75.

**1949**

### Santo S. Cataudella, D.M.D.



Santo S. "Sam," "Dr. C" or "Doc Sam" Cataudella, D.M.D., of North Andover, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 7, 2021, at 93. Dr. Cataudella attended Holy Cross on a music scholarship and was the chapel organist and a member of the Glee Club. He studied biology and was a member of the Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society; he later supported the College as a class agent and Alumni Board director as well as a member of the Alumni Board Senate and Class Reunion Committee. Dr. Cataudella also received degrees from Boston University and Tufts Dental School, and he became a board certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon. He established his practice in Lawrence and Andover, Massachusetts, and served patients for three decades. Upon retirement from private

practice, he was a professor at the Harry M. Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry at Boston University. Dr. Cataudella is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara; three daughters, including Mary L. Cataudella '85, one son and their spouses; eight grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two siblings.

**1950**

### Gerald C. St. Denis



Gerald C. "Jerry" St. Denis, of Fall River, Massachusetts, and Gibsonsia, Pennsylvania, died

on Sept. 11, 2021, at 94. After serving stateside in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant, Mr. St. Denis studied social sciences at Holy Cross. He went on to attain his M.S.W. in medical social work from Boston College and his Ph.D. in social work and M.P.H. in public health administration from the University of Minnesota. During his career, he held many roles, including public health social worker at the Mass. Dept. of Health; staff social worker at the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital; director of social services at Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, Vermont; chief clinical social worker at Stanford Medical Center and assistant professor at Stanford University School of Medicine. He was also a U.S. Public Health Service Officer for more than 30 years. In addition, Mr. St. Denis held several positions and appointments at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, including director of Student and Alumni Affairs, associate dean for Student and Alumni Affairs, associate professor and director of Public Health Social Work Training, and co-director of the doctoral program in Health Services Admin; he published many articles throughout his career,

and was a licensed social worker in Pennsylvania until his retirement. Mr. St. Denis is survived by his wife of 71 years, Bernadette; three children and their spouses; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; and two brothers.

## 1951

### William F. Coughlin



William F. "Bill" Coughlin, of Stoughton, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 13, 2021,

at 91. At Holy Cross, Mr. Coughlin studied English and participated in Glee Club; he graduated cum laude. He completed his master's degree in education at Boston University before serving in the U.S. Army while stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. He went on to a long career in education, first as a high school English and social studies teacher in Putnam, Connecticut, and Sharon, Massachusetts, and then as director of guidance for the Canton (Massachusetts) school system. He was director of admissions for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Management at Suffolk University for 29 years. Mr. Coughlin is survived by his wife, Marion; and five children and their families, including nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sisters.

### Aram J. Pothier

Aram J. Pothier, of West Barnstable, formerly of Wellesley, Dover and Chatham, Massachusetts, died on July 17, 2021, at 92. After graduating from Holy Cross, Mr. Pothier became the owner of a consulting company, Aram J. Pothier Group, Inc., and he was a past president of the American Lung Association. He supported the College as a regional club career counselor and member of the career advisor network. Mr. Pothier is survived by three children and their families; one brother, Aubrey J. Pothier Jr., M.D., '55, one sister and their families; three grandchildren and their families, including three great-grandchildren; and several close friends and extended family members. He was the former husband of the late Alicia (Meincke) Pothier, who predeceased him; he was

also predeceased by one grandchild.

## 1952

### Edward J. Hughes Jr., M.D.



Edward J. "Doc" Hughes Jr., M.D., of Bangor, Maine, died on Aug. 18, 2021, at 91. After

Holy Cross, Dr. Hughes graduated from the University of Ottawa Medical School and enlisted as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. A pediatrician in the Bangor area, he served as chief of pediatrics at St. Joseph Hospital. He was the recipient of the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, one of the highest awards given by the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, to those persons whose lives reflect a singular dedication to the church and to one's community. Dr. Hughes is survived by four sons, five daughters and their spouses; 10 grandchildren, including Edward J. Hughes IV '05; many great-grandchildren; one brother and his spouse; several nieces and nephews; and special friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara; one son; two brothers; and one sister.

## 1953

### James M. Sheehey



James M. "Jim" Sheehey, of Cathedral City, California, died on April 10, 2021, at 89.

A cum laude graduate of Holy Cross, Mr. Sheehey served in an engineering group in the U.S. Army. Following his military service, he did graduate studies at UCLA and spent his career as an insurance assessor for several companies. Mr. Sheehey is survived by his partner, Richard Moberly; two brothers, including William R. "Bill" Sheehey '59; and numerous nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces. He was predeceased by his parents.

## 1954

### Richard F. Hamilton



Richard F. "Dick" Hamilton, of Philadelphia, died on Sept. 6, 2021, at 88. At Holy Cross,

Mr. Hamilton studied chemistry and participated in ROTC; he was a

member of the O'Callahan Society and affiliated with Naval ROTC. He served as a Naval officer on the USS Capricornus (AKA-57) at the end of the Korean War and went on to receive an M.S. in chemistry from Boston College. He was a research chemist. Mr. Hamilton is survived by six children and their families, including 12 grandchildren; and one sister and her family. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie; one brother, Thomas A. Hamilton Jr. '50; and one sister. His alumni relatives also include his niece, Julia M. Hamilton '12; and his cousin, the late John J. Mitchell '54.

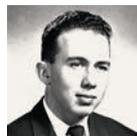
## Edward J. Lee



Edward J. "Ed" and "Uncle Ed" Lee, of Somerville, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 6,

2021, at 88. A cum laude graduate of Holy Cross, Mr. Lee also graduated from Boston College Law School. His lengthy legal career began when he was appointed a first lieutenant, and later captain, in the Judge Advocate General Corps (JAGC) in the U.S. Army Appellate Division at the Pentagon and the United States Court of Military Appeals. He then worked as a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., with part-time appointments in El Paso, Texas, and Las Vegas. He later served as an assistant, then first assistant United States Attorney in Boston, before entering private practice as a trial defense lawyer. He supported the College as a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Lee is survived by six nephews; three nieces; four nephews' wives; two nieces' husbands; 19 great-nieces, including Jacqueline L. McCarthy '22, and great-nephews; one sister-in-law and her husband; and two cousins. He was predeceased by his parents; three brothers; two brothers' wives; and one cousin.

## John P. Wood, M.D.



John P. "Jack" Wood, M.D., of Watch Hill, Rhode Island, died on Sept. 3, 2021, at 87. Dr.

Wood graduated from Holy Cross

magna cum laude. He also graduated from Yale University Medical School, where he completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology before serving as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves, MASH unit. He moved to Westerly, Rhode Island, and started a solo medical practice and, then, Ob-Gyn Associates, where he practiced for 37 years; upon retirement, he remained active in management of the partnership. Dr. Wood is survived by his wife, Pauline; five sons, including Christopher P. Wood '86; five grandchildren; and one brother. He was predeceased by one son.

## 1955

### Joseph L. Kennedy Jr., M.D.



Joseph L. "Joe" Kennedy Jr., M.D., of Plymouth, Massachusetts, died on June 28, 2021, at

86. Dr. Kennedy studied mathematics at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude; he later supported the College as an admissions advisor. He attended Tufts University School of Medicine, and completed a residency in pediatrics at Boston Floating Hospital/Tufts Medical Center and a fellowship in pediatric nephrology at Children's Hospital Boston. He also served as a physician in the U.S. Navy, achieving the rank of commander. Dr. Kennedy became one of nation's first neonatologists, specializing in the care of premature infants, and developed one of New England's first neonatal intensive care units at St. Margaret's Hospital for Women in Dorchester, Massachusetts, where he later served as its director of Neonatology and chair of the Department of Pediatrics. He went on to serve as director of Newborn Services at Cambridge and Mt. Auburn hospitals in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and was a lecturer or associate professor at the Boston University, Tufts University and Harvard University schools of medicine, as well as at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Kennedy is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia "Pat"; three children, three stepchildren and their families, including 16 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; and two sisters and their families. He was predeceased by one son; and one sister.



**HOLY CROSS REMEMBERS  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
EMERITUS, THEATRE,  
1963-1995**

**Edward J.  
Herson Jr.**

(1932-2021)

Edward J. Herson Jr., of Sebastopol, California, died on July 11, 2021, at 88.

Professor Herson entered Jesuit seminary at age 17, where he spent 10 years and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from St. Louis University. Following a new calling to teach and create theater, he did graduate work at the University of Illinois and then joined the Holy Cross faculty in 1963 as a member of the classics department.

According to a June 1995 article in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette prior to Professor Herson's retirement, when he first arrived on Mount St. James, he taught Greek and ran what was then known as the Holy Cross Drama Society in a physical space that had seen better days: "Old, filthy, broken-down little seats," he told the newspaper. "My understanding from the dean

was that there was supposed to be a theater and a theater program. I thought, 'My God, what have I gotten myself into?'"

He soon met with Rev. Raymond J. Swords, S.J., then College president, about his desire to create a theatre department and build a proper theatre, even presenting diagrams of what a new space could look like. After an hourlong pitch, Fr. Swords ended the meeting with one statement: "Do it." On Nov. 16, 1965, Fenwick Theatre opened with the comedy, "Ring Around the Moon," and the Drama Society transformed into the Department of Theatre Art in 1979; a theatre major was established in 1987.

"Ed Herson was responsible for the theatre program at Holy Cross," says Steve Vineberg, Distinguished Professor of Arts and Humanities. "By the time I arrived, though, there was still no official major; he had devised a way for undergraduates to effectively major in theatre through an interdisciplinary major called dramatic literature, which mixed theatre and English. The production seasons were interesting and varied, and Kurt Hultgren and the late Bill Rynders were producing spectacular

designs; Lynn Kremer had put together a superb acting program: All three were Ed's hires. I couldn't believe I'd landed in such a vibrant department."

In addition to shepherding the building of Fenwick Theatre, the department's creation, teaching and directing, Professor Herson served on several College committees and assisted with the development of a rhetoric-intensive interdisciplinary program.

"Ed Herson might be called the 'founding father' of the Department of Theatre and Dance," says Kremer, Distinguished Professor of Humanities. "But being the 'founding father' didn't prevent Ed from being willing to accept input from his colleagues. I was grateful to be able to develop new classes and direct a variety of productions under his leadership. His encouragement of students was legendary, with many of his mentees going on to MFA programs and careers in the theatre."

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Deborah Madansky, M.D.; three children; and five grandchildren. ■

**Col. William J. McGrath,  
USMC (Ret.)**



Col. William J. "Bill" McGrath, USMC (Ret.), of Saint Augustine,

Florida, died on Aug. 19, 2021, at 87. At Holy Cross, Mr. McGrath studied prelaw and political science, played basketball and participated in intramural sports. Affiliated with Naval ROTC, he was a member of the O'Callahan Society and 1955 Support Network Committee. He received a master's degree in counseling and psychology from Assumption College Graduate School and also graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Following Holy Cross, Mr. McGrath joined the U.S. Marine Corps, attended Basic School at Quantico, Virginia, and was assigned to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. During his more than 30 years with the Marines, he served in Vietnam and Okinawa, Japan, as commanding officer, 3rd Force Services Support Group. He also held numerous posts in the United States, including executive assistant to the commanding general of Marine Corps supply activity and chief of supply and maintenance, headquarters, Marine Corps. Three times decorated with the Legion of Merit Medal with 2 stars, Mr. McGrath received many other personal decorations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Stars and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry Cross with Palm and Frame. While in the Marines and upon his retirement, he served for many years as a counselor. Mr. McGrath is survived by his wife of 47 years, Nancy; one daughter; two grandsons; one brother; one sister and her spouse; one sister-in-law; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by one daughter; and two brothers. His alumni relatives include his cousin, John J. Feeley '69; and his father, the late William J. McGrath '33.

### Thomas A. O'Neill



Thomas A. "Tom" O'Neill, of Brimfield, formerly of Charlton, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 31, 2021, at

88. Mr. O'Neill studied economics at Holy Cross and also graduated from the former Boston State College. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a teacher in the Worcester public school system for 25 years. He is survived by three nieces; and close friends. He was predeceased by one sister.

### 1956

#### Robert G. Hennessy, M.D.



Robert G. Hennessy, M.D., of Lutherville, Maryland, died on June 23, 2021. Dr. Hennessy

studied biology at Holy Cross and also graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine. After postgraduate training in surgery at the University of Minnesota, he completed his residency training in neurosurgery at the University of Maryland and had additional postgraduate training in England and Sweden. He later earned an MBA from Loyola University Maryland and served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant commander assigned as a neurosurgeon at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital during the Vietnam War. A neurosurgeon for over 45 years, Dr. Hennessy was the chief of neurological surgery at St. Agnes Hospital, and was a member of several professional societies and associations. He supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of President's Council. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marie; four daughters, including Katherine Weigman '84 and Meghan Murray '92, one son and their spouses; 19 grandchildren, including Margaret H. "Maggie" Murray '22, Ryan E. Murray '25 and Katherine K. "Kelli" Murray '20; one grandchild's spouse; and one great-grandson.

#### Lawrence M. Mayers Sr.



Lawrence M. "Larry" Mayers Sr., of Littleton, Colorado, died on Aug. 15, 2021, at 86. Mr. Mayers

studied business and marketing at

Holy Cross and participated in ROTC; he graduated cum laude. Affiliated with Naval ROTC, he was a member of the O'Callahan Society and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He was self-employed as a consultant in Colorado for 54 years. Mr. Mayers is survived by his wife, Mary Virginia "Ginny"; three sons and their wives; five grandchildren and their families, including great-grandchildren; and six siblings and their families, including numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; two sisters; and brothers-in-law, including Capt. Charles R. Wolf, USN (Ret.) '56.

#### Henry F. O'Brien



Henry F. "Harry" O'Brien, of Centereach, New York, died on June 15, 2021. Mr.

O'Brien studied political science at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude; he later supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the 1843 Society and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He also graduated from Fordham University School of Law, served one term as Suffolk County district attorney and had a long career in private practice. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. O'Brien was predeceased by his parents; and one sister.

### 1957

#### John C. Bianchi



John C. Bianchi, of Nashua, New Hampshire, and Fort Myers, Florida, died on Aug. 22, 2021,

at 85. After Holy Cross, Mr. Bianchi attended Northwestern University and, later, served as owner and president of Eastprint Incorporated in North Andover, Massachusetts, for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Susan; three children and their families, including four grandchildren and one granddaughter-in-law; two great-grandchildren; and one sister.

#### Paul J. Carty Sr.



Paul J. Carty Sr., of Houston, died on Aug. 4, 2021, at 86. Mr. Carty studied classics

and education at Holy Cross and participated in the Purple Key Society and Band; he later supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the career advisor network. After graduation, he entered the Society of Jesus and, as a Jesuit, attended Boston College; he worked at Boston College High School, St. George's College in Kingston, Jamaica, and Eastern Point Retreat House in Gloucester, Massachusetts. He then left the priesthood and relocated to Houston, where he worked as a family and marriage therapist (LPC) for 30 years. Mr. Carty is survived by his wife of 43 years, Anne; one brother, Rev. John A. Carty, S.J., '48; one sister; one daughter and her husband; one son and his wife; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents; his stepmother; and two brothers.

#### Rev. Peter John Joseph Guerin, O.S.B.

Rev. Peter John Joseph "Fr. Peter" Guerin, O.S.B., of Manchester, New Hampshire, died on July 9, 2021, at 85. A cum laude graduate of Holy Cross, Fr. Guerin studied English, made the dean's list and participated in the History Society; he later supported the College as a member of the career advisor network. He was a longtime dean and theology professor at Saint Anselm College and monastic superior at Saint Anselm Abbey. After entering the novitiate at Saint Anselm Abbey, he made his solemn profession of vows in 1962, and was later ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1963. He then received a licentiate degree in sacred theology from Saint Paul's University, Ottawa, Canada, a master of theology degree from the University of Ottawa and a licentiate degree in liturgical studies from the Institut Catholique in Paris. At Saint Anselm Abbey, Fr. Guerin served in a number of roles, including novice master, junior master, subprior and chaplain to the French-speaking Sisters of Joan of Arc; he also served as an organist at the abbey for many years. At Saint Anselm College, he taught courses in biblical, sacramental and monastic theology, as well as teaching liturgical studies at Saint John's Seminary in Boston;

he served as the college's dean, its chief academic officer, for 25 years. In addition, he helped oversee the establishment and implementation of the college's Portraits of Human Greatness program, which was the foundation for the curriculum for three decades; he received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Saint Anselm in 2002. Fr. Guerin is survived by his brothers in the Benedictine community at Saint Anselm Abbey; two sisters; one sister's husband; one sister-in-law; and several nieces, including Melissa L. Escajadillo '90, nephews and their families. He was predeceased by one brother; and one sister.

#### Paul W. Lynch



Paul W. Lynch, of Malverne, New York, died on July 23, 2021, at 85. At the College, Mr.

Lynch studied history; later, he was a member of the 1843 Society and Holy Cross Lawyers Association. He was an attorney for over 50 years and a longtime partner at Murphy & Lynch, PC. Mr. Lynch is survived by four daughters, including Eileen Lynch O'Hara '88, and their spouses; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Marilyn "Mickey."

#### Robert E. McLaughlin, M.D.



Robert E. "Dr. Mac" McLaughlin, M.D., of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on Sept. 5, 2021, at 86.

At Holy Cross, Dr. McLaughlin studied premed and participated in cross-country and track; he later supported the College as a member of the career advisor network. Dr. McLaughlin earned his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He completed his training in general and orthopaedic surgery at Boston City Hospital and served as a captain and flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam and Japan. He had a 40-plus year career at the University of Virginia, where he served as full professor and vice chair of the Department of Orthopaedics. Author of numerous scientific publications and presentations and a member of many professional organizations, he

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continued in retirement to care for patients at local outreach clinics. Dr. McLaughlin is survived by his wife of 53 years, Julia; five children and their families, including 13 grandchildren; and one sister.

### David A. Santos Jr.



David A. Santos Jr., of Plymouth, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 16, 2021, at 85. At Holy Cross,

Mr. Santos studied political science; he later supported the College as a class agent and as a member of the Reunion Gift Committee and President's Council.

### 1958

#### John J. Carmody Jr.



John J. "Coach" Carmody Jr., of Washington, D.C., died on July 16, 2021, at 85. Mr.

Carmody studied history at Holy Cross and played lacrosse; he later supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and Varsity Club. He also graduated from Georgetown University Law School and had a long career as a lawyer. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Ann; four children, including Mary C. "Chrissy" Carmody '93, and their spouses; four grandchildren; and family members and friends. His alumni relatives also include his niece, Kathryn M. Bobinski '15.

#### Hugh J. Moriarty



Hugh J. Moriarty, of Belchertown, Massachusetts, and, previously, Youngstown,

Ohio, died on Sept. 15, 2021, at 85. Mr. Moriarty studied accounting at Holy Cross. He retired as a comptroller from Crane Company, where he worked for many years. He is survived by one daughter and her husband; one son; one brother; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his companion, Diane Seaver; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and one sister.

#### William A. O'Neil



William A. "Bill" O'Neil, of Midlothian, Virginia, formerly of Riverton,

Utah, and Arlington, Virginia, died on June 9, 2021, at 84. Mr. O'Neil studied economics at Holy Cross and participated in ROTC; he later supported the College as a member of the O'Callahan Society, and was affiliated with Naval ROTC. He flew P-3 aircraft for the U.S. Navy in the Atlantic Theater, tracking Russian submarines during the Cold War. Before retiring as a captain, he worked for the U.S. delegation to NATO in Brussels and as chief of the J-5 planning section of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. Mr. O'Neil is survived by three sons by his first wife, Janet Corcoran O'Neil, and their families; one son and one daughter by his wife, Judith "Judy" Bevan O'Neil, and their families; and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Judith "Judy" Bevan O'Neil.

### 1959

#### D. Timothy Buckley Jr.



D. Timothy "Tim" Buckley Jr., of Waltham, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 8, 2021, at

83. Mr. Buckley studied English at Holy Cross and participated in the Purple Key Society. After graduation, he began his career as a school teacher in Billerica, Massachusetts, before going to work for John Hancock Life Insurance Company in Boston, where he was employed for over 40 years as a commercial real estate manager. A recipient of the College's Joseph A. Perotta Award and Book Prize, he supported Holy Cross as a class agent, class chair, class correspondent, Reunion Gift chair and past Alumni Board director; he was also a member of the Alumni Board Senate and the following committees: Book Prize, Career Education & Resource, Class Reunion Gift, In Hoc Signo and Reunion Gift. A supporter of the Crusader football and baseball programs, he was recognized with the Holy Cross Alumni Association's highest honor,

the In Hoc Signo Award, in 2016 for his longtime service to the College as an alumnus. Mr. Buckley is survived by two children and their families, including two grandchildren; one sister; and many nieces, nephews and their families.

#### John N. Kane



John N. Kane, of Camillus, New York, died on Aug. 7, 2021, at 84. Mr. Kane

studied economics at Holy Cross and participated in ROTC; upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant. He then had a 40-year career in real estate, co-founding Burns & Kane Real Estate. He supported the College as a class agent and member of the 1843 Society, President's Council and O'Callahan Society; he was affiliated with Naval ROTC. Mr. Kane is survived by his wife of 59 years, Catherine "Katie"; three daughters, including Catherine Ronis '86, one son, John N. Kane Jr. '91, and their spouses; 11 grandchildren, including Meredith A. Strott '21; three brothers, including Arthur W. Kane Jr. '53 and Thomas E. Kane '63; one sister; and 27 nieces and nephews, including Carol A. Safier '81. He was predeceased by his mother and father; two brothers, Robert C. Kane '54 and Paul R. Kane Sr. '56; and one sister.

#### Charles H. McCabe Jr.



Charles H. "Charlie" McCabe Jr., of New Rochelle, New York, died on Aug. 30, 2021, at

84. Mr. McCabe studied economics at Holy Cross. Later, he received his MBA from Iona College and served on its board of trustees for three decades; in recognition of his dedication to Iona, he was awarded an honorary degree in 1988. He was a member of the 71st regiment of the New York Army National Guard before he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. He began his career with Remington Rand Univac, followed by Shaw Walker Co., selling accounting systems. He also worked for First National City Bank and Manufactures Hanover, which merged with Chemical Bank, which

then merged with Chase; he retired from Chase Bank as executive vice president of marketing and corporate communications. Mr. McCabe is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lynn; one son, Christopher C. McCabe '87, four daughters and their spouses, including Christine G. McCabe '88; nine grandchildren; and one sister, one brother and their spouses. He was predeceased by his parents; and one son.

#### Frank J. Murphy

Frank J. Murphy, of Dennis, Massachusetts, and Vero Beach, Florida, formerly of Simsbury, Connecticut, died on Sept. 1, 2021, at 86. At Holy Cross, Mr. Murphy studied economics; he later supported the College's football program and was a member of the Alumni Board Senate. He began his career as a marketing representative with The Hartford Fire Insurance Co. in Albany, New York, Springfield, Massachusetts, and Hartford, Connecticut. During his early years in insurance, he completed The Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriting degree (CPCU) and Associate in Risk Management (ARM). Later, he joined A.A. Watson Insurance in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and then Covenant Mutual Insurance Co. In retirement, he worked for the Orleans, Massachusetts, Assessor's Office. Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carol; five children, including Anne M. Parker '90, John T. Murphy '84 and Francis J. "Frank" Murphy '86; two sons-in-law, including Jeff C. Bernier '90; one son's partner; 11 grandchildren, including Luke C. Bernier '22; and one sister.

#### Charles E. Riordan, M.D.



Charles E. "Charlie" Riordan, M.D., of Connecticut, died on July 17, 2021, at 83. A cum laude

graduate of Holy Cross, Dr. Riordan also graduated from Harvard Medical School and trained as a psychiatrist at St. Vincent's in New York City; he pioneered methadone maintenance as a treatment for opiate addiction. He then worked as a clinical professor of psychiatry at Yale Medical School, and later became chair of psychiatry at the Hospital of St. Raphael and

its chief medical officer. After retiring from St. Raphael's, he worked in private practice and for Connecticut Hospice. During his 50-year career in health care, he also authored dozens of published clinical research papers, was recognized as a national expert in addiction psychiatry, testified before Congress and consulted for Major League Baseball. Dr. Riordan is survived by his wife of 59 years, Patricia "Pat"; three sons, including Charles G. "Charlie" Riordan '86, and their wives; one daughter and her husband; 11 grandchildren; one brother and his spouse; and five nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one daughter.

### John J. Walsh



John J. Walsh, of Centerville, formerly of Wellesley, Massachusetts,

died on July 25, 2021, at 84. Mr. Walsh graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in accounting. He is survived by his wife, Dorian; two daughters; two sons; one daughter's husband; one daughter's partner; one son's partner; three grandchildren; one brother; one sister; and many cousins. He was predeceased by one brother.

### 1960

#### Michael J. McGreal



Michael J. "Mike" McGreal, of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on Aug. 13, 2021, at 83.

Mr. McGreal earned his master's degree in chemistry from Holy Cross before beginning his career at the Naval Ordnance Lab in White Oak, Maryland. Later, he earned a law degree at George Washington University. His legal career focused on patent work, and he served as a patent attorney for W.R. Grace & Co. and Colgate-Palmolive. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. McGreal is survived by his wife, Nancy; two children and their families, including one grandson; three sisters, one brother and their families, including nieces and nephews; and close friends. He

was predeceased by one daughter; and one granddaughter.

### Robert A. Melley

Robert A. "Bob" Melley, of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Sudbury, Massachusetts, died on Nov. 13, 2020, at 82. Mr. Melley studied English literature at Holy Cross and later supported the College as a member of the O'Callahan Society. After graduation, he attended Officer Candidate School and received a commission as an officer in the U.S. Navy; he was stationed in Hawaii and served on the USS John S. McCain (DL3), and later served in the reserves. He had a long career in the investment industry, working for First National Bank of Boston, Fidelity Investments and Integrity Investments. Mr. Melley is survived by one son and his wife; one daughter and her husband; one sister-in-law; his longtime girlfriend, Lynne Stansell; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan Marie; one daughter; his parents; and one brother.

### 1961

#### John D. Ferguson



John D. Ferguson, of Catonsville, Maryland, died on Sept. 16, 2021, at 81. At Holy Cross,

Mr. Ferguson studied English and the arts and played lacrosse and intramural sports. After serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Illinois, Chicago. Later, he earned a Master of Fine Arts from the Maryland Institute, College of Art, Rinehart School of Sculpture. He was an award-winning sculptor, a skilled handyman and an instructor of three-dimensional design. His art resides at numerous regional public and private facilities, including the BWI Airport, the Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden at the Smithsonian, and Academy Art Museum in Easton, Maryland. Mr. Ferguson is survived by his wife, Terry; four daughters; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by one brother, William D. "Bill" Ferguson Jr. '59.



### HOLY CROSS REMEMBERS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, 1967-1986

## Trowbridge H. Ford

(1929-2021)

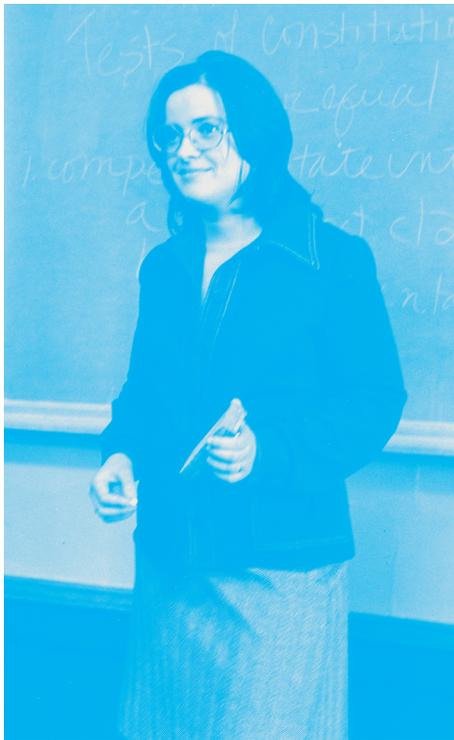
Trowbridge H. Ford, of New Haven, Connecticut, died on July 27, 2021, at 92.

After earning his B.A. from Columbia College in 1952, Professor Ford served in the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps in Paris, and later returned to Columbia to receive his Ph.D. in public law and government. After teaching as an adjunct at

Columbia, the University of Maine and Heidelberg University, he joined the Holy Cross faculty in 1967.

Professor Ford was promoted to associate professor of political science in 1970 and taught courses on U.K. and Irish politics and Soviet foreign policy before retiring in 1986. He was the author of numerous academic articles, including a two-volume biography of Lord High Chancellor Henry Brougham, a 19th-century British reformer and the subject of Mr. Ford's doctoral dissertation.

He is survived by his brother; and 10 nieces and nephews and their families. ■



**HOLY CROSS REMEMBERS  
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1973–2011**

## Caren Dubnoff

(1942–2021)

Caren Dubnoff, of Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, died on Oct. 8, 2021, at 79.

Professor Dubnoff received a B.A. in political science from Bryn Mawr College in 1964 and her Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1974. She joined the Holy Cross faculty in 1973 and one year later became the first woman to chair an academic department, a role in which she served twice. In addition to teaching courses on American government, judicial process and politics, the presidency and constitutional law, she served on several campus committees. She retired in 2011.

The College's Caren G. Dubnoff Political Science Award was established in her honor and is given to a fourth-year political science major for outstanding academic achievement in the discipline. In a 2019 interview,

Jon Favreau '03, former chief speechwriter for President Barack Obama, cited Professor Dubnoff as one of several "fantastic professors who helped me not only develop a love of politics, but actually believed that I could go do something to change the world."

"Caren was named chair of the political science department as an untenured faculty member with the mandate to create (almost from scratch) a department with

a level of academic excellence equal to that of any of the more prestigious schools with which Holy Cross compares itself – a task in which she succeeded admirably," says Judith Chubb, Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Society. "She was also an exceptional role model for all of us in her absolute commitment to her teaching and her students even in the face of daunting health challenges. Caren's courses in Constitutional Law and Law, Politics and Society were legendary and inspired generations of Holy Cross students to go on to successful careers in the law."

"Many times since leaving Holy Cross I have said that Caren is the best teacher I have ever had," says Rev. Timothy O'Brien, S.J., '06, Holy Cross' director of mission initiatives. "Put simply, she inspired me to love what she loves. There were no other courses at Holy Cross that I worked harder in than Constitutional Law I and II – and none that I enjoyed more. With the benefit of hindsight, I know that she was challenging me in a way no other teacher ever has, insisting that I identify and reach my full potential."

She is survived by her husband, Jerry; one son; and three grandchildren. ■

1962

## Michael S. Hurley, M.D., D.D.S.



Michael S. "Mike" Hurley, M.D., D.D.S., of Arlington,

Virginia, died on Sept. 12, 2021, at 80. Dr. Hurley studied biology at Holy Cross before attending Georgetown Dental School. After serving briefly as a dentist in the U.S. Air Force and teaching at Georgetown Dental School, he graduated from George Washington Medical School. He worked at the Alexandria Health Department for 42 years in the dental and medical clinics, later filling in at various dental offices in the area. Dr. Hurley is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary; nine children and their families, including 28 grandchildren; one brother and his spouse; and numerous nieces and nephews.

1963

## George C. Theologus



George C. Theologus, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, died

on May 4, 2021. Mr. Theologus studied psychology at Holy Cross and, later, served as an admissions advisor.

1964

## Joseph A. Donovan



Joseph A. "Joe" Donovan, of Delmar, New York,

died on Aug. 13, 2021, at 79. Mr. Donovan studied psychology at Holy Cross and was a member of the 1843 Society. He was a longtime school psychologist in the Schenectady (New York) public school system. He is survived by his wife, Marianne; four children and their families, including eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three siblings and their families, including several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

## Raymond R. Lagesse

Raymond R. Lagesse, of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, formerly of New Bedford, Massachusetts, died on Aug. 28, 2021, at 79. At Holy Cross, Mr. Lagesse studied classics and participated in Amnesty International; he later supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the 1843 Society, career advisor network and Education Committee. He is survived by his wife, Linda; one stepson and his spouse; and two grandchildren.

1965

## Alan H. Simpson

Alan H. "Dirty Al" Simpson, of Tucson, Arizona, formerly of Bristol, Connecticut, died on March 2, 2021. Mr. Simpson studied economics at Holy Cross, and after graduating, he became a U.S. Marine Corps fighter pilot during the Vietnam War. He then had a career in real estate. He is survived by his wife, Roxanne; many cousins, including George C. Finley Jr. '67; and a multitude of friends.

## John N. Tierney



John N. Tierney, of Los Angeles, died on Aug. 3, 2021, at 78. Mr.

Tierney studied economics and English at Holy Cross and also graduated from the University of Chicago Law School. He had a diverse legal practice and expertise in a range of fields, including civil rights, real estate, entertainment and general litigation; he was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Tierney is survived by his former wife and lifelong friend, Ann Hopkins; and their three daughters and their families, including six grandchildren. He was predeceased by one daughter.

1966

## Thomas E. Gallagher



Thomas E. "Tom" Gallagher, of Las Vegas, died on July 15,

2021. Mr. Gallagher studied history at Holy Cross and was a member of the Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society; he graduated magna cum laude. He also graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and handled nominations for attorney general and the Supreme Court while serving as chief legislative counsel for former U.S. Senator John Tunney. He was a partner in the law firm of Gibson Dunn and Crutcher for 20 years, working in its Los Angeles and New York offices and serving as managing partner of its London and Riyadh offices. Mr. Gallagher then served as president and CEO of the Griffin Group and CEO of Resorts International before becoming executive vice president and general counsel for Hilton Hotels Corporation; he later became CEO of Park Place, which was renamed Caesars Entertainment. In addition to a 33-year career as a businessman and lawyer, he was also an adjunct professor at UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law and Lee Business School, where he taught business law and ethics. He supported the College as a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association and President's Council; he was affiliated with the Holy Cross Fund Scholarship. Mr. Gallagher is survived by his wife, Mary Kay; four children; seven grandchildren; five brothers; two sisters; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and one granddaughter. His alumni relatives include his cousin, the late Thomas C. Fitzpatrick '67.

#### Robert Somma



Robert "Bob" Somma, of Newbury, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 15,

2021, at 76. At Holy Cross, Mr. Somma studied French and participated in swimming; he was a member of the Varsity Club. After graduation, he edited Boston-based rock 'n' roll magazine Fusion. Later, he attended Northeastern Law School. He was a Boston lawyer and recognized expert in bankruptcy law who practiced for over 40 years, including as managing partner of Goldstein & Manello PC and as a federal judge in the U.S.

Bankruptcy Court in Boston. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lawyers Association. Mr. Somma is survived by his wife of 35 years, Wendy Thaxter; two children; two stepchildren; one grandchild; two siblings; and many nieces, nephews, friends and colleagues.

#### Thomas L. Soule, M.D.



Thomas L. "Tom" Soule, M.D., of Ithaca, formerly of Glens Falls, New York, died on Aug. 1,

2021, at 76. Dr. Soule studied biology at Holy Cross and also graduated from the University of Vermont, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree; he completed his residency in neurology at Duke University Medical Center. At the beginning of his medical career, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Seoul, San Francisco, Honolulu, and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; after active service, he was in the U.S. Army Reserves, retiring at the rank of colonel. Dr. Soule had a neurology practice in Glens Falls, and was an active member of the Glens Falls Hospital medical staff, serving in various capacities, including as a member of the Board of Governors and supporting the pastoral care program. He supported the College as an admissions advisor. Dr. Soule is survived by one daughter; one son-in-law; two grandsons; one son; one daughter-in-law; and his siblings and their spouses. He was predeceased by his wife of 41 years, Ruth; and one brother.

#### 1967

#### Joseph R. Carusone



Joseph R. "Joe" Carusone, of Florida, died on Aug. 28, 2021, at 76. At Holy Cross,

Mr. Carusone studied English and classics; he was the recipient of the James H. Reilly Memorial Purse (Best Poem). He attended NYU and then went to work at Northern Homes, Inc. He subsequently worked in Memphis, Tennessee, before moving to Florida and teaching at a charter school. Mr. Carusone is survived by his wife,

Kimbo; two brothers, L. Michael Carusone '59 and John S. Carusone '63, and their wives; one sister and her husband; and three children, one stepdaughter and their families, including seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

#### William H. Donnelly



William H. "Bill" Donnelly, of Weston, Massachusetts, died on Aug.

20, 2021, at 75. At Holy Cross, Mr. Donnelly studied sociology and played lacrosse; he was a member of the Varsity Club. He is survived by one son; one sister, her husband and their two children; three cousins and their families; one sister-in-law; two nephews and their families; and his former wives, Joyce Richard and Gail Johnston, mother of his son. He was predeceased by his brother, Gerard L. "Gerry" Donnelly '69; and one cousin. His father was the late William H. Donnelly Jr. '35.

#### Rev. Joseph J. Koury



Rev. Joseph J. Koury, of South Portland, Maine, died on June 27, 2021, at 76. Fr.

Koury studied history and education at Holy Cross and later supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the 1843 Society and career advisor network. He became a member of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus in 1968 and was ordained a priest in 1977. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Weston School of Theology and taught canon law courses there and at Boston College; he also earned his doctorate in canon law from the Catholic University of America. Fr. Koury served as a judge in the Diocese of Portland's Tribunal for three decades; campus minister at St. Joseph's College of Maine in Standish; coordinator of campus ministry at the University of Maine at Orono; pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Orono; and administrator of several Diocese of Portland parishes, including St. Francis of Assisi, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony of Padua.

#### Robert G. O'Keefe



Robert G. "Bob" or "Big O" O'Keefe, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, died on Sept. 8, 2021, at

76. At Holy Cross, Mr. O'Keefe studied history and political science; he later supported College Athletics and served as a class agent. He worked his entire career for the telephone company. Mr. O'Keefe is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons; sisters-and brothers-in-law; additional family members; and friends. He was predeceased by one brother.

#### 1968

#### John F. Moriarty III



John F. Moriarty III, of Bangkok, Thailand, died on Sept. 10, 2021, at

74. At Holy Cross, Mr. Moriarty studied economics and religious studies and participated in Antioch and Sodality; later, he was an admissions advisor and member of the career advisor network. After moving to Thailand with the Peace Corps, he remained there and ran a tutoring and preparatory academy in Bangkok until his retirement. Mr. Moriarty is survived by one brother, Robert F. Moriarty '77; eight children; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by one brother; his father, John F. Moriarty Jr. '36; his mother; one sister; and one daughter. His alumni relatives also include his nephew, Michael P. Moriarty '07.

#### 1970

#### Robert J. Pitocchelli



Robert J. Pitocchelli, of Jacksonville, Florida, died on July 13, 2021, at 73. At Holy Cross,

Mr. Pitocchelli studied economics and participated in ROTC. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy. He later supported the College as an admissions advisor and member of the O'Callahan Society; affiliated with Naval ROTC, he also supported Holy Cross' Athletics programs. Mr. Pitocchelli is survived by four children and their families, including five grandchildren; two sisters; and nieces and nephews.

## IN MEMORIAM

1971

### William B. Picotte



William B. "Bill" Picotte, of Menands, New York, died on Aug. 6, 2021, at 71. Mr.

Picotte graduated with a degree in political science from Holy Cross and completed basic training at Fort Dix before serving in the New York Army National Guard. Active in numerous Capital Region organizations, he had a 50-year career at Picotte Companies, a commercial real estate company founded by his family, where he served as a senior vice president. He supported the College as a class agent and member of the 1843 Society, President's Council, Parents for Class of 2005, Alumni Board Senate and Class Reunion Gift Committee. A recipient of the Book Prize and past Alumni Board director, he also supported the men's crew team, and was a member of Parents of Men's Crew. Mr. Picotte is survived by his wife, Susan; two sons, including David H. Picotte '05, and their families, including one granddaughter; one brother-in-law and his family; three nephews; six cousins and their families; and other extended family members. He was predeceased by his parents; and one sister. His alumni relatives also include his father-in-law, the late John D. Carroll Jr., M.D., '49.

1973

### Gary R. Caputo, M.D.



Gary R. Caputo, M.D., of Sacramento, California, died on Jan. 29, 2020. Dr.

Caputo studied chemistry at Holy Cross and graduated magna cum laude.

### Scott E. Foley



Scott E. Foley, of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, died on July 26, 2021, at 69. Mr.

Foley graduated from Holy Cross with a degree in psychology, and he worked for many years as a senior computer software engineer, most

recently at BTI Inc. in Littleton, Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Christine; three sons; six siblings and their families; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

### Peter K. Schruth



Peter K. Schruth, of Old Greenwich, Connecticut, died on July 15, 2021, at 69. Mr. Schruth

played baseball at Holy Cross, and after graduating, he had a long career in media; his final role was as president of Affiliate Relations for CBS. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Susie; three children; one daughter-in-law; one sister; one brother; and two grandchildren.

1974

### Joseph R. Neary



Joseph R. "Joe" Neary, of San Marcos, California, died on June 26, 2021, at 70.

Mr. Neary studied history at Holy Cross and played football; he later supported the College as a member of the Varsity Club. He became a police officer and worked for the Montebello, California, police department. He then worked in corporate security in the pharmaceutical industry, serving as director of security for Cardinal Health. Mr. Neary is survived by his wife, Jeanne; one son; one daughter and her husband; two grandchildren; one brother, Hon. Robert A. Neary Jr. '69, and his wife; and many nieces and nephews, including Michael J. Neary '92. He was predeceased by one sister.

1980

### Jeffrey W. Hyatt



Jeffrey W. Hyatt, of Lawrence, Massachusetts, died on July 28, 2021, at 62. Mr.

Hyatt studied English at Holy Cross and graduated cum laude. He then earned his Master of Fine Arts degree in acting at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and was the director of the off-Broadway

murder mystery "Perfect Crime," the longest running nonmusical play in New York theater history; he was also building manager for Hyatt Chiropractic, founded by his father. He worked on more than 150 productions at the community, educational, regional and professional levels nationwide. He performed the role of Henry David Thoreau in his own compilation of Thoreau's words in the mono-drama "Walden Pawned" for audiences along the East Coast; his Walden Pond performance in Concord, Massachusetts, was filmed for public television. He had a stint with the National Players 37th Tour, and worked as an acting lab director at the Hartke Theatre Conservatory; he was also a member of theater companies in the Greater Lawrence area, including The Garrett Players and the Jackson Street Players. He worked as an acting coach for students and professionals, and was involved in virtually every facet of theater production for 44 years. Mr. Hyatt is survived by one sister; his sister's two daughters and their families, including five children; his niece, her husband and their three children; his stepmother; two stepsisters, their husbands and four children; eight cousins and their families, including many children; three uncles and their families; many cousins; and two goddaughters. He was predeceased by his parents.

1988

### P. Jeffrey Huth



P. Jeffrey "Jeff" Huth, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on Sept. 12, 2021, at 56. Mr.

Huth studied economics at Holy Cross and later supported the College as a regional club career counselor and member of the career advisor network and Parents for Class of 2018. He began his career at Manufacturers Hanover Bank in Manhattan and spent the next 33 years working in corporate lending with Chemical Bank, Cypress Tree Investments, Wells Fargo and Citizens Bank. Mr. Huth is survived by his wife, Karen G. Huth '88; two children, including Susannah E.

Huth '18; his mother; two brothers and their spouses; one sister-in-law and her spouse; one brother-in-law; his in-laws; five nieces; one nephew; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his father.

1990

### Suzanne J. LaFleur



Suzanne J. LaFleur, of Hampton, Connecticut, died on Sept. 6, 2021, at 53. Ms.

LaFleur studied psychology at Holy Cross and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa (liberal arts) and Psi Chi (psychology); she graduated cum laude. She earned her Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Virginia before teaching at Smith College and then at the University of Connecticut. She most recently also served as the director of faculty development in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at UConn. Ms. LaFleur is survived by her husband of 27 years, Preston Britner; three children; her parents; and two brothers and their families.

2011

### Timothy John Edward Paquette



Timothy John Edward "Tim" Paquette, of Orange, Connecticut, died

on June 27, 2021, at 32. At Holy Cross, Mr. Paquette majored in economics and multidisciplinary studies and participated in track and field; he graduated cum laude. He worked in finance in various settings, including State Street Bank and Partners Healthcare, before landing his job at the television show "This Old House." He is survived by his wife, Chelsea T. Hinchey '09; one son; his parents; two grandmothers; one brother and his wife; one sister, Eileen P. Jack '08, and her husband; one sister-in-law, Jenna M. Woodford '09, and her husband; his mother- and father-in-law; four nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by two grandfathers.

**Paul J. Piccirilli**



Paul J. Piccirilli, of Norwood, Massachusetts, died on Aug.

28, 2021, at 32. Mr. Piccirilli studied economics at Holy Cross. He is survived by his mother and father; one brother and his wife; two nephews; many aunts, uncles and cousins; other relatives; and friends.

**FRIENDS**

**Sheila Berner**, mother of Mary Berner '81; **Helen Comrie**, formerly of housekeeping; **Christopher E. Evans 95**; **William J. "Bill" Gilhuly 58**; **William Harrington**, father of Jacqueline Harrington '22; **Bacia Solon Koss**, mother of Matthew Koss of physics; **Steve LaCouter**, father of Travis LaCouter '13 of religious studies; **Gerard J. "Jerry" LaFleur 60**; **Eileen McAnanly**, wife of the late Robert F. McAnanly '50, mother of Robert McAnanly '81, Patricia McAnanly Borzner '82 and Sheila McAnanly '85, and grandmother of Claire Borzner '12 and Anne Borzner '21; **Lucille McNickles**, mother of Ken McNickles of Ciampi dining services; **Elizabeth Campbell Moir II**; **Mary Mooshagian**, wife of the late Madieros Mooshagian '51; **Dominic Nompoggi, M.D.**, father of Elizabeth (Libby) Nompoggi '25; **Sheila P. O'Kane**, mother of Patricia O'Kane Fitzpatrick '89; **Capt. Cornelius F. "Neil" O'Keefe, USN (Ret.) 63**; **John F. Potter, M.D., 47**; **Claire M. (LaFray) Rollo**, mother of Paul Rollo '82 and grandmother of Natasha Rollo '23; **Randi Sack**, mother of Joseph A. Sack '90; **Thomas F. Shevlin**, father of Elisa Shevlin Rizzo '93 and grandfather of Lucy C. Rizzo '22; **Richard F. Sullivan 59**; **Eddy M. Telemaque**, brother of Philippe Telemaque of the library; **Jack Thomas**, son of Ward Thomas of political science; and **Carleen Zawacki**, wife of the late Bruce E. Zawacki, M.D., '57. ■



## Remembering Fr. Dunn

died on Nov. 18, 2021, at age 98. We will remember Fr. Dunn in the spring 2022 issue and would love to hear your remembrances and reflections on his impact and legacy.

As this issue neared completion, Holy Cross' former Dean of Men Rev. Charles Dunn, S.J.

Email your remembrances and photos to [hcmag@holycross.edu](mailto:hcmag@holycross.edu). ■

## The Women of Mount St. James

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of co-education at Holy Cross, and we are already brainstorming ways to commemorate the milestone in these pages. Is there a story you would like us to pursue? Who are the

unsung Holy Cross heroines we should honor? What stories have gone untold and should be shared today? We welcome all story ideas from you, the women who lived it. Email [hcmag@holycross.edu](mailto:hcmag@holycross.edu). ■

## Seeking Fenwick Theatre Fans

Before the Prior Performing Arts Center opens later this year, we want to take a look back at venerable Fenwick Theatre as the curtain falls on its final production this spring. Did the theatre, its people or its productions represent a special time in

your Holy Cross years? We want to hear! Whether you were in the audience, onstage or backstage, email [hcmag@holycross.edu](mailto:hcmag@holycross.edu) with your memories and help us take a memorable last look at a special place in the lives of generations of Crusaders. ■

## D.C. Semester Alumni: Email Us

The College's Washington Semester Program is about to celebrate its 50th anniversary. If you were a participant, we

would love to talk to you about how it impacted your career path or life in general! Email [hcmag@holycross.edu](mailto:hcmag@holycross.edu). ■

