

# COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THIRD

## *Commencement*



AT TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

# READING OF THE DEGREE

by the Provost and Dean of the College

*Q.B.F.Q.S.*

*Et Rei Publicae Literariae Bene Vertat  
Collegii Sanctae Crucis S. J. Vigornii  
Praeses et Professores  
Has Literas Inspecturis S.P.*

*Illud apud politiores gentes veteri consuetudine invaluit, ut qui doctrinae laude praestent post studiorum emensum curriculum sollemni judicio ad certos honoris evehantur gradus. Quod insigne decus studiisque fovendis adjumentum ne huic nostro Sanctae Crucis S. J. Vigornii Collegio deesset, sapienti Reipublicae Massachusettensis Concilio et auctoritate cautum est. Quare cum \_\_\_\_\_ studiis naviter peractis factoque periculo ea qua par est scientia praeditum/praeeditam se nobis probaverit, ei Artium Baccalaureatum atque adjecta jura omnia et privilegia decernimus attribuimus et rite adeptum honorem gratulamur. His insuper eum/eam instruimus literis Collegii sigillo nostraque manu firmatis, quae promeriti collatique honoris certam legentibus fidem faciant.*

*die vicesimo quarto Maii anno bis millesimo decimo nono*



As an augury of good fortune and prosperity, and  
as a boon to the Republic of Letters!

To all who shall read this document, greetings from the President and Faculty of the College of the Holy Cross, of the Society of Jesus, in Worcester. It has been a time-honored custom among the more cultivated peoples to distinguish by recognized titles of honor those who have completed a prescribed course of study and exhibited to the satisfaction of qualified examiners marked excellence in learning. And provision has been made by the learned and authoritative General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the power of granting this distinction, as an aid to learning, should be vested in this our College of the Holy Cross, of the Society of Jesus, in Worcester.

Wherefore, since “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” having successfully completed this course of study and undergone the prescribed examinations, has shown himself/herself to us to possess the required measure of learning, we confer and bestow on him/her the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, and congratulate him/her on the distinction so justly attained. Furthermore we present him/her this diploma, signed by our own hands and authenticated by the Seal of the College, to certify to all readers that he/she has merited and received this honor.

The twenty-fourth day of May, 2019

## THE FOUNDING OF HOLY CROSS



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

An alumnus of Georgetown College, Bishop Fenwick later served twice as president of his alma mater. As a Jesuit, his religious life had been marked with a certain academic mentality that prepared him well to undertake the establishment of a college. He was enterprising and courageous. And he knew that he could call upon the resources of his fellow Jesuits of the Maryland Province if and when he needed them to staff a school.

The location in Worcester was fortunate. Other sites had been considered, but here, in 1836, Rev. James Fitton purchased 52 acres of land and began an academy for boys. The academy prospered but Fr. Fitton's pastoral responsibilities in Worcester, Rhode Island, and Connecticut left him neither time nor energy to manage a boarding school, and he gladly conveyed the property and buildings to Bishop Fenwick for his college. The Bishop's letters record his enthusiasm for the project as well as its location.

"Next May I shall lay the foundation of a splendid College in Worcester. ...It is calculated to contain 100 boys and I shall take them for \$125 per an. & supply

them with everything but clothes. Will not this be a bold undertaking? Nevertheless I will try it. It will stand on a beautiful eminence & will command the view of the whole town of Worcester."

He gave the College the name of his cathedral church, the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The cornerstone was put in place with great solemnity on June 21, 1843 and on the second day of November, with six students aged 9 to 19, the first classes were held. The College held its first Commencement in 1849.

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

Petitions to secure a Charter for the College from the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were denied in 1847 for a variety of causes, including anti-Catholicism on the part of some legislators. Nonetheless, the College conducted its business and awarded its diplomas, which were signed by the president of Georgetown. Finally, with the energetic support of Governor John A. Andrew, the Charter for College of the Holy Cross was officially granted on March 24, 1865.

## 175TH ANNIVERSARY



In June 1843, the cornerstone of College of the Holy Cross was set in place in what today is Fenwick Hall. One hundred seventy-five years later, throughout the 2018-2019 academic year, Holy Cross has been commemorating its two-hundredth anniversary, a major milestone in an already rich history.

Since its establishment as the first Catholic and first Jesuit college in New England, Holy Cross has evolved against the backdrop of an ever-changing world to become a leading institution of higher education. The College has seen hardship and triumph — from a devastating fire that threatened the life of the young

college in 1852 to the decision to enroll women in 1972 and our ongoing efforts to become increasingly diverse — while remaining fortified and guided by the same mission: to educate students toward lives of meaning and purpose.

Throughout this anniversary year, the Holy Cross community has paused to remember and celebrate all that has contributed to making the College the institution it is today. In celebrating its storied past, we look ahead, with renewed appreciation, to its vibrant future.

# ORDER OF EXERCISES



## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

*Pomp and Circumstance*, Op. 39, No. 1-4, Edward Elgar/Retford/ed. Alfred Reed

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Teresa Marie Murphy '19

## INVOCATION

Marybeth Kearns-Barrett '84, *Director of College Chaplains*

## READING OF THE DEGREE

Margaret N. Freije, *Provost and Dean of the College*

## DEGREES IN COURSE ARE CONFERRED

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., *President of the College*

## PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

## VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Isabel Anna Block '19

## HONORARY DEGREES ARE CONFERRED

Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., *President of the College*

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Rev. Sean O'Connor Carroll, S.J.

Frank Thomas Kartheiser '72

Jane Dammen McAuliffe

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Jane Dammen McAuliffe

## BLESSING

Rev. William R. Campbell, S.J. '87, *Vice President for Mission*

## ALMA MATER

Allegra Martin, *Director of College Choirs*

## RECESSIONAL

**MARSHAL-IN-CHIEF**

Patricia M. Ring

**ASSISTANT MARSHALS**

John T. Anderson

Francisco Gago-Jover

Patricia E. Kramer

Shawn L. Maurer

**MARSHALS OF THE FACULTY**

Susan Amatangelo

Cristina M. Ballantine

Lauren Capotosto

David K.W. Chu

Oliver de la Paz

Daniel DiCenso '98

Richard S. Herrick

Denis Kennedy

Ann Marie Leshkovich

Tat-siong Benny Liew

Susan Crawford Sullivan

Stephanie E. Yuhl

**THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIAL BAND**

Ernest Jennings, *Director of Bands, Conductor*

## HONORARY DEGREES



### DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**Rev. Sean O'Connor Carroll, S.J.**

A leading figure in today's immigration crisis, Fr. Sean Carroll, S.J., is the executive director of the Kino Border Initiative, a migrant shelter and assistance program that conducts work on the U.S.-Mexico border, providing humanitarian aid to migrants and advocating for more humane migration policies.

Prior to joining the Kino Border Initiative, Fr. Carroll served as the pastoral ministries assistant for the California Province of the Society of Jesus, helping to coordinate pastoral initiatives among twelve Jesuit parishes in California, Arizona, Utah and Hawaii.

Fr. Carroll serves on the Board of Trustees of the University of San Francisco, as well as Brophy College Preparatory, a Jesuit high school in Phoenix, Arizona. He graduated from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in history.

### DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**Frank Thomas Kartheiser '72**

As founder and lead organizer at Worcester Interfaith, an alliance of Worcester religious congregations and organizations, Frank Kartheiser '72 has dedicated his life to empowering the underprivileged. He came to Holy Cross in 1969, but left soon after to help found The Mustard Seed, a full-time soup kitchen and homeless shelter that began as a storefront agency dispensing help to the elderly, poor and homeless. Many years later, Kartheiser returned to Holy Cross, earning his degree in religious studies in 1988.

Kartheiser has helped create many community organizations in Worcester; served as a field representative for Clergy and Laity Concerned; and has worked for the Diocese of Worcester as director of the Urban Ministry Commission, associate director of religious education, and consultant for social justice and peace. He currently serves on the board of the Worcester Community Labor Coalition and is the director of relational spirituality for YOU, Inc. Since 2009, Kartheiser has been an adjunct professor at Clark University, where he teaches community organizing strategies.

# HONORARY DEGREES



## DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

### Jane Dammen McAuliffe

A world-renowned scholar of Islam, Jane McAuliffe is a prominent educator and one of the senior leaders at the Library of Congress. Currently senior advisor to the librarian of Congress and formerly the inaugural director of national and international outreach, her work at the Library has involved a broad range of its programs, including the National Book Festival, the Kluge research center for scholars, the Library's exhibits, publishing office, visitors' services, and business enterprises.

Devoted to interreligious dialogue and the advancement of women around the world, McAuliffe is a specialist in the Qur'an and its interpretation. She is general editor of the six-volume "Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an," the first major reference work for the Qur'an in Western languages.

Prior to her role at the Library of Congress, McAuliffe was president of Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania from 2008 to 2013. She was recognized during her tenure by Forbes Magazine as one of the top "barrier breakers" among women presidents in the country in 2009. Previously, McAuliffe served as dean of arts and sciences at Georgetown University, from 1999 to 2008; as professor and department chair at the University of Toronto, from 1992 to 1999; and as professor and associate dean at Emory University, from 1986 to 1992.

McAuliffe holds a bachelor's degree in classics and philosophy from Trinity Washington University (formerly known as Trinity College) in Washington, D.C. She also received a master's degree in religious studies and a Ph.D. in Islamic studies from the University of Toronto.

## THE COLLEGE SEAL



The College's seal identifies Holy Cross as an educational institution founded by Rev. Benedict J. Fenwick, S.J., second Bishop of Boston. The outer circle of the seal states in Latin "College of the Holy Cross, Society of Jesus, Worcester, Massachusetts."

The inner shield contains an open book, which is a symbol of learning, and a cross of gold symbolizing the Christian faith. The Latin motto on the book is associated with Constantine the Great. According to Eusebius of Caesarea (chapter 28, *Life of Constantine*, dated 339) God had sent the Emperor a vision of a cross of light in the heavens with an inscription "in hoc signo vinces" (in this sign you will conquer). Shortly thereafter, Constantine defeated his co-emperor Maxentius at the battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312 to become sole

emperor of Rome. In 313, he proclaimed the Edict of Milan, which allowed Christians freedom of worship. The breadth of the Emperor's tolerance was clear: "to no one whatsoever should we deny liberty to follow either the religion of the Christians or any cult of his own free choice."

The cross divides the lower part of the shield into quarters, which are alternately red and sable, the colors on the ancient shield of Worcester, England.

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

## THE COLOR PURPLE



There are two theories of how College of the Holy Cross chose purple as its official color. One suggests that it was derived from classical Roman tradition that clothed a triumphant general in a solid purple toga during his state celebration. Thus the Emperor Constantine was dignified by the "purple." As a corollary, the imperial family had exclusive control of an Egyptian quarry that produced purple porphyry stone for portraits and funerary monuments.

The other story is attributed to Walter J. Connors, an 1887 graduate, and was printed in the October 1940

issue of the *Alumnus*. According to the account, there was a disagreement during the 1870s between Holy Cross students from Massachusetts and those from Connecticut concerning the colors of the school's baseball uniforms. The students from Massachusetts purportedly favored the crimson of Harvard, while those from Connecticut favored the deep blue of Yale. Legend has it that a fellow student with a sense of diplomacy resolved the dispute in the chemistry lab, where he mixed copper sulphate (blue) with iron oxide (red) to produce the color of purple.

## THE COLLEGE MACE



Originally used as a weapon of war, the mace was an emblem of physical strength in the Middle Ages. Its look changed with its purpose: Maces were once heavy clubs with spike-covered metal balls attached to the ends or swinging from short chains. By the 16th century, maces were decorated with jewels and precious metals and no longer used as weapons. Today, the mace is viewed as a symbol of intellectual authority and is often carried during ceremonial academic and ecclesiastical processions.

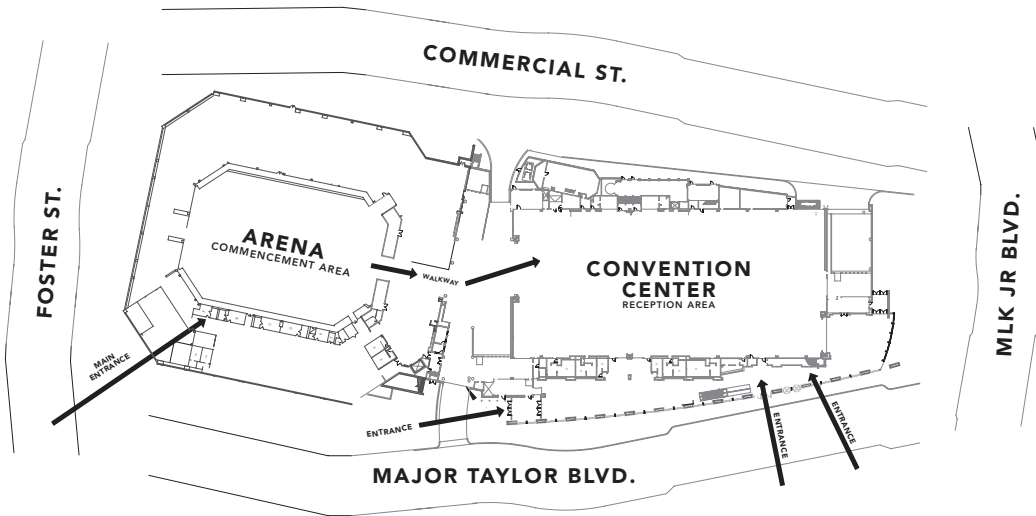
At Holy Cross, it is tradition for the College's registrar to carry the mace while leading processions at the baccalaureate Mass, commencement, special academic convocations, and at inaugurations of the College's presidents.

Holy Cross' own intricately designed, hand-crafted silver mace was presented to the College in 1984 by blacksmith

Kenneth Lynch Sr., the late owner of Connecticut-based ironwork firm Kenneth Lynch & Sons. It replaced a wood and metal mace that was a gift of the Class of 1940, now stored in the College's Archives and Special Collections. In a 1984 edition of *Crossroads*, the precursor to *Holy Cross Magazine*, Lynch explained that he gifted the mace because two of his brothers were Jesuit priests, and he was a great admirer of Holy Cross. (Lynch also worked on the wrought iron fence along College Street).

The gleaming result measures more than three feet in length with three layers of polished silver covering its bronze base. The names of the College presidents and their years of service are inscribed on the head of the mace, which features a cross-topped dome. The bottom of the mace bears the College's seal.



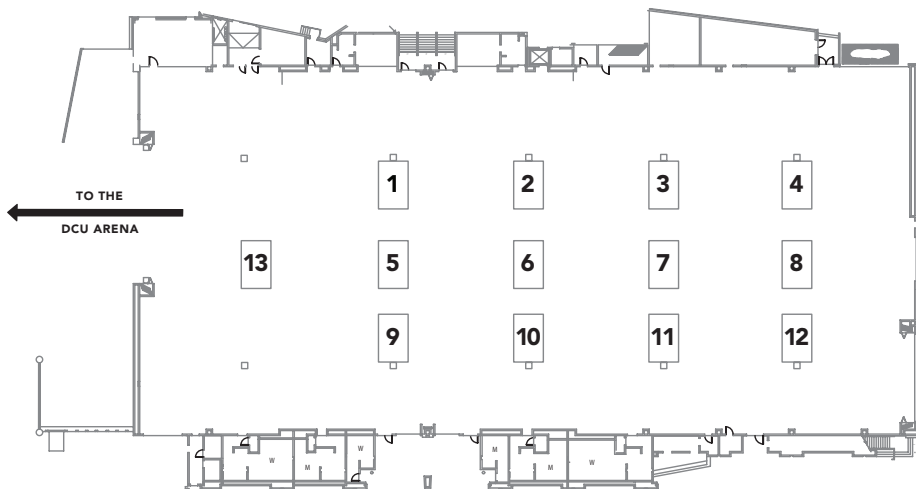


Welcome to the 173rd Commencement Exercises of the College of the Holy Cross. We're glad you're here to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2019 with us!

The commencement ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. and last approximately two hours. Please join us immediately after the ceremony for a reception in the adjoining Convention Center. This map notes the entrances to the Convention Center; you may either walk

along the outside of the building, or walk through the arena floor after the graduates and faculty have recessed.

There are volunteer student ushers throughout the arena, who can help provide directions or additional information as needed.



## CONVENTION CENTER RECEPTION AREA

### BANNER LOCATIONS

1 Modern Languages and Literatures Spanish

2 English

3 Education Psychology

4 Economics and Accounting

5 Center for Interdisciplinary Studies Philosophy Religious Studies

6 International Studies Political Science

7 Asian Studies Sociology and Anthropology

8 Mathematics and Computer Science Naval Science

9 Music Theatre Visual Arts

10 Classics History

11 Biology Environmental Studies

12 Chemistry Physics

13 Class Dean

## ALMA MATER

OH, HEAR THY VOICES ONE IN SONG  
HOLY CROSS, O HOLY CROSS.  
THY SPIRITS LOYAL, TRUE AND STRONG  
HOLY CROSS, O HOLY CROSS.  
THY PURPLE BANNER FLOATS ON HIGH,  
WHILE SONGS OF PRAISE SWELL TO THE SKY,  
THY HONORED NAME SHALL NEVER DIE,  
HOLY CROSS, O HOLY CROSS.

Words: Augustine P. Conniff, Class of 1902  
(Revised 19 Jan. 1976)

Tune: *My Maryland*



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CELEBRATING 175 YEARS