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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Holy Cross Community,

Holy Cross students, faculty, and administrators returned to campus following the 2017 Christmas break to the celebration of the Feast Day Mass of St. Brother André Bessette, CSC. Our community was truly blessed to have the Most Rev. Raymond Chappetto lead the Mass and offer the homily. Bishop Ray, as he is affectionately called by his parishioners at nearby St. Kevin's, also serves the Diocese of Brooklyn as its Vicar General.

Keenly aware of the significance of this celebration to the Congregation of Holy Cross, Bishop Ray shared how St. Brother André lived a life as the keeper of the door of Notre Dame College in Quebec. As porter, it was St. Brother André's responsibility to warmly welcome people who came to the door. Bishop Ray made the connection that, as Holy Cross High School prepares to open its doors to welcome young women, the community enjoys a terrific role model in St. Brother André Bessette, CSC.

During the course of this Fall and Winter we have been opening our doors to welcome young men and women of the area's eighth grade classrooms to open house, shadow days, and school tours culminating in pizzas for lunch. Current students and faculty have shared in open conversations with these guests the values of a Holy Cross education. They have emphasized the meaningful observation of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, "How we educate the mind will change with the times: How we cultivate the heart is and will remain timeless."

St. Brother André Bessette, CSC, lived as an example of how we cultivate the heart. He opened the door with warmth and love. This is an exciting time for Holy Cross High School as we follow the examples expressed and lived by Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC, and St. Brother André Bessette, CSC.



Michael "Mike" Truesdell
President

OPEN HOUSE

On October 22nd Holy Cross High School hosted its first co-educational Open House! It turned out to be a great success with an all-time record of families in attendance.

NEW UNIFORMS

All incoming freshmen will have the option of four official Holy Cross polo shirts. The new colors will be green, white, light gray, and dark gray. They will have an option of three sweaters: a cardigan, v-neck pull-over, and an Under Armour half-zip.

All students have the option of black and gray pants and girls will also be able to wear a plaid skirt with a built in bike short.



EDUCATORS NIGHT

Our Admission's Team hosted an Educator's Information Night on Tuesday, October 17th which took place at Holy Cross High School and Sangria Tapa's & Wine.

Local school educators and principals were invited to meet Holy Cross faculty and staff for a night filled with fun! They first discussed the benefits of a Holy Cross education with a brief presentation and afterwards were able to mingle over tapas and cocktails at Sangria, owned by Holy Cross alumni Joe and Dominick Loccisano.

NHS CONVOCATION CEREMONY

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS



On October 26, The Brother Karl J. Diemand, C.S.C. Chapter of the National Honor Society led by Mrs. Joanne Doepfner, NHS moderator, celebrated the induction of its 2017-2018 members. These outstanding students were recognized for their scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The administration, faculty, and family members witnessed this worthy event.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. John Gerspach '71, Chief Financial Officer of Citigroup. Mr. Gerspach encouraged the young men to not only continue their academic excellence, but to also strive to further develop and maintain their sense of community, honesty, respect, integrity, and teamwork. He also shared his own experiences at Cross as a former NHS member and how honored he was to be a part of their own history. Mr. Gerspach was awarded an honorary membership in the current NHS chapter and a symbolic NHS pin.

Thomas Waldron '19 and Ken Onofre '18 received the annual Michael Pergolizzi Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, presented by Michael's mother Mrs. Rosemarie Pergolizzi, is given to a junior and senior member who has displayed the honorable character of her son who was a member of the NHS. Each student received a certificate and monetary award.

In November, the NHS recognized and supported the military of our nation. The group organized a dress down day fundraiser for Fisher House, a residence for current and former military which provides free housing for those undergoing medical treatment. Each participating student, faculty, staff, and administration donated \$3 or more to "dress down" or be out of uniform for the day. The collection totaled \$1,000. We would like to thank all who donated. We would also like to thank the Student Government for its assistance.

SENIOR MEMBERS 2017-18

Angelo Alessandro
Daniel Andrade
Antonio Argudo
Josip Banovic
Kyle Burnett
Phythagore Charles
Matthew Cholowa
Francesco DelGreco
Frank D'elia
Michael Farkash
Chris Georgiadis
Marco Ghiozzi
Christopher Goris
Joseph Higgins
Achilleas Karangunis
Theo Karanikolas
Evan Katsefes
Antonio Lepore
Daniel Lopes
Benson Magpantay
Joseph Mazzella
George Medina
Ryan O'Hagan
Kenneth Onofre
Pierce Panagakos
Anthony Radcliffe
Spiros Rally
Kevin Rivera
Joseph Romero
William Ryan
Malkiel Sanchez
William Schillinger

JUNIOR MEMBERS 2017-2018

Adnan Adib
Christopher Calle
Anthony Evangelou
Jared Jagiello
Alexander Loukopoulos
Max Mastrototaro
Joseph Moniz
Brogan Mooney
Randy Niego
Christopher Rally
Thomas Romano
Nicholas Sanso
Greg-Anthony Severe
Jaden Smith
Thomas Waldron

Gregory Schmitsvch
Nicholas Siano
Ante Sokosa
Stephen Spiezia
Justin Taylor
Joseph Tiseo
Tanner Treasure
Lawrence Vodopivec
Joseph Wirta
Christopher Wukovlts
Nick Zecca
Edgardo Zelaya
Shualyu Zhou

CHINA TRIP



Last Spring, Holy Cross High School announced an exciting new Mission Expansion that would allow young women to apply for 9th grade come September of 2018. Combined with a competitive and cutting-edge STREAM program, the school's Admissions Department focuses on creating relationships with new families, both local and abroad, that may not be aware of these exciting opportunities.

Across the globe, more and more families are sending their children to high schools in the United States in order for their child to be best prepared to attend an American college. This Fall, we looked to the East and our Director of Admissions, Robert Botero '00, journeyed to China to share the benefits of our STREAM program and the values of a Holy Cross catholic education.

Visiting six cities in ten days, Rob met with families from China's capital city of Beijing, to Changsha in central China, all the way to southern coastal Beihai in Guangxi province. As the former instructor of the Mechanical Drawing courses in our engineering program, Rob was requested to present several engineering lessons during his time in China. Students learned about the skills and techniques needed to complete a successful scale model by building a perfect cube from foam-core.

Visiting over a dozen schools and learning centers, Rob shared with Chinese students the various educational programs Holy Cross offers and why the top colleges and universities in the United States enroll so many of our graduates. During the visit, many students interviewed for an opportunity to attend Holy Cross next September in hopes of becoming an international student and a future Knight!

BOY SCOUTS



On July 3, 2017, Nassau County legislator, now Nassau County Executive-elect, Laura Curran presented Senior Lawrence Vodopivec with a Legislative Citation for his service to the Nassau Community.

Lawrence was approached by Ms. Curran in 2015 to beautify an area of Silver Lake in Baldwin. The area is the

War Memorial Section of the park and was largely unkept. Lawrence agreed to take on the task as his Eagle Scout Project for Boy Scouts. A Scout must design, manage and execute a community service project as part of his Eagle Project.

He worked with Nassau County Department of Public Works, the Chamber of Commerce and local individuals to build a gazebo, plant new gardens, repair and replace park benches. The project was completed in May of 2017 with the help of his Scout Troop-824.

The Citation was for this project as well as his Community Service within his Parish-St. Christopher's, with the Association for Children with Down Syndrome 5+ Sports program, the annual Veteran's Hospital Holiday Party, various park and beach clean-ups, and community work with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Sea Scouts.

MIDDLE STATES



Holy Cross Middle State Coordinators: Mr. Blaine Palmer, World Languages ; Mrs. Cathy Kenny, Science Department Chairperson ; the Middle States Visiting Team: Mr. James Palmieri, Ms. Jennifer Pla, Mr. Robert Walton, Karyn Cernera-Bush, Ph.D., Mr. Joseph Wilson; Mr. Edward Burns '84, Principal ; Mr. Mike Truesdell, President ; Mr. Jimmy Conboy '83, Vice President

Teachers Kathy Kenny and Blaine Palmer served as the Internal Coordinators for this year's Middle States Accreditation Process. Holy Cross High School followed a protocol put into place by the Middle States Association called "Excellence by Design". During this sixteen month process, each aspect of the school was reviewed by Mrs. Kenny and Mr. Palmer along with the help of the faculty and staff of Holy Cross High School. Throughout the course of the sixteen months, a document was designed which told the history, mission and story of Holy Cross High School. This document highlighted all important aspects of the school from an educational standpoint.

The chair of the visiting Middle States team visited Holy Cross High School on October 10, 2017. While with us that day, Mr. Robert Walton reviewed our Middle States document, met with various faculty and staff, and toured our building. The full team visit began on November 13, 2017 and came to a close on November 16, 2017 with a glowing review of our school and the recommendation that Holy Cross High School received their Middle States accreditation once again!

JOHN LENNON BUS TOUR



The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus, along with Councilman Vallone, made a stop at Holy Cross High School on Monday, October 2nd. Members of our school band had an opportunity to enjoy a full day of learning how to make music and produce videos with the Lennon crew. With the state-of-the-art technology our students were able to work with the newest equipment in their workshop.

“I was very impressed by the facilities and staff aboard the tour bus, and it was a wonderful experience for our students to compose, perform, and record in a collaborative, professional setting. The tour bus professionals were kind, passionate, generous, and open-minded, and the students responded with extraordinary creativity. It was a day these young men will not soon forget.” Mr. Mulzet, Music.



The tour bus is a one-of-a-kind mobile music recording studio and production facility and we are very grateful our students at Holy Cross High School had the opportunity to participate in high-tech, digital media demonstrations.



REBUILD OF THE BOOKSTORE

As part of a new experiential learning initiative, 17 students enrolled in our accounting class were challenged to revive and modernize the school bookstore. The class was divided into 4 distinct groups (corporations) to compete against each other in curriculum-based challenges. The groups contributed to creating an operations manual, an inventory management system, and marketing campaigns - all within the first few weeks! Their October challenge was a study in market research and profitability using candy sold in the bookstore. As the students continue to improve the bookstore, compete in challenges, and develop an internal classroom economy, they also continue to identify their strengths and work effectively as a team. The groups have already begun to develop distinct corporate identities.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF PUMPKIN PATCH EVENT



Holy Cross High School donated 170 sugar pumpkins and set them up as a pumpkin patch in the St. Joseph School for the Deaf courtyard.

Our students help decorate them after. It is a fun day for all students.

ALUMNI NOTES

NOTES FROM THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY

THE SIXTIES

Albert Benkert '62 is a real estate broker at Vero Beachside Sales Rentals in Vero Beach, FL. al@verobeachsidesales.com

Retired as a Managing Director at BNY Mellon in New York, **Robert Mandell '67** and wife Sue live in South Salem, NY. rwmandell@gmail.com

Thomas Devlin '67 is an Attorney in Falls Church, VA where he lives with wife Christine. tdevlin5@msn.com

Working at Computer Science Corp in Beavercreek, OH, **Robert Corrado '69** is a Senior Programmer, CSRA. He and wife Ann have four grown children and live in Dayton, OH. eibbor@aol.com

THE SEVENTIES

In May 2017 **John DeMaggio '71** received the Woodrow Wilson Award for Distinguished Government Service from John Hopkins University. Chosen by the University President, John received the award from the Dean of the Whiting School of Engineering at the Engineering luncheon. John also serves as a member of the John Hopkins Alumni Council and welcomes speaking to Holy Cross students who are headed to John Hopkins. He resides in Millbrook, NY. jodemaggio@aol.com



Anthony Rosato '71 was elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Mechanics. He works at NJ Institute of Technology as a University Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department. He and wife Marie live in Mendham, NJ. rosato@njit.edu

After 37 years in the IT field, **Henry Sarnataro '72** is now retired. He and wife Alexandria live in Glendale, NY. HTS1954@yahoo.com

THE EIGHTIES

Ed Burns '84, Principal of Holy Cross High School, was honored with the St. Kevin Outstanding Alumni Award by St. Kevin Catholic Academy during the annual Back-to-School Night on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

Brian Feeney '87 is CGO Coordinator for Shoprite. He lives in Sound Beach, NY. bafeeney@optonline.net

Self-Employed at his restaurant, Fresh and Company, **John Koumpourlis '87** also serves as the Managing Partner. He and wife Miriah live in Greenvale, NY. johnkoumpourlis@gmail.com

John Pasutto '87 is EH&S Manager at AmSty in Gales Ferry, CT. He and wife Genevieve live in East Lyme, CT. john.pasutto@gmail.com

Working at Lehman Brothers in New York, **Joseph Sasso '87** is a Senior Equity Trader. He and wife Karen have three sons and live in Bronxville, NY. jksasso@verizon.net

THE NINTIES

Colin Sheehan '99 is a Critical Care Fellow at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. He has also served in the US Army Reserves as Captain since 2014. He resides in Flushing, NY. sheehc@gmail.com

THE 2000'S

Ryan Caban '02 is Technical Director of Digital Services and Workflow for Broadway Video. He lives in South Salem, NY.

Jonathan Costa '07 is a Trader with Baycrest Partners. He lives in Long Beach, NY. jccosta1230@gmail.com

Executive Producer **Matt Flores '07** is co-owner of Surrender Pictures in Long Island City, NY. He lives in Brooklyn, NY. mattflores@gmail.com

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IN MEMORIAM

NOTES FROM THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY

Frank Aguggia

Father of Msgr. Steven '79, Paul 81
and Richard '84
June 2017

Matthew Downey '78

September 2017

Brother Francis Ellis, C.S.C.

September 2017

Joseph Esposito '88

July 2017

Peter Lech '72

June 2015

Frank McQuade 72

July 2017

Richard Murphy '67

August 2016

John Nesbitt

Father of Christian Nesbitt '16
Member of Holy Cross Fathers' Club
April 2017

Antonio Nitti

Father of Anthony Nitti '88
Father-in-Law of Maria Nitti, Faculty
Grandfather of Anthony '17, Luca '21
June 2017

Michael Noone '83

May 2017

Brendan Rush '13

September 2017

Anthony Saggio

Father of Anthony Saggio '17
May 2017

James Volz '86

April 2017

Brother Edward Zdrowski

April 2017


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Brother Francis Raymond Ellis, C.S.C.

December 23, 1936 - September 9, 2017

Born in New Haven, Connecticut on December 23, 1936, Francis was the second of the four sons of Frank R. Ellis, Detective, and Alma East Ellis, Teacher and Principal. Francis was baptized on January 10, 1937 at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. His early educational experience in New Haven began at Ivy Street Public School and then St. John the Evangelist, where he graduated in 1950. Notre Dame High School, run by the Brothers of Holy Cross, was the next step in his education. He relates that in his senior year he began to think of becoming a Brother because of "the friendly and sincere way the Brothers help and teach others." So, with the encouragement of his mother, he decided to "give it a try." Upon graduating from Notre Dame High School in 1954, he applied and was accepted that June into the candidacy program of the Brothers of Holy Cross at St. Joseph Juniorate in Valatie, New York. He was received into St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, on August 15, 1954 and made first profession on August 16, 1955, and final Profession on August 23, 1958. Leaving Rolling Prairie in August of 1955, Brother Francis began his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. He graduated in August of 1958 with a BA degree, upon which he was assigned to teach math and Latin and to coach freshmen football and basketball at Monsignor James Coyle High School in Taunton, Massachusetts. The following year he was assigned to teach at Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York while attending graduate courses at Siena College in Loudonville, New York. In June of 1961, he received a MA degree from Siena College and then went on to teach at Holy Cross High School, Flushing, New York. In 1970, Brother Francis became Principal of Bishop Hendricken High School, Warwick, Rhode Island, prior to the Brothers leaving the high school in 1971. Brother Francis then returned to teach and coach at Holy Cross High School in Flushing, New York from 1971 through 1978, when he was appointed Principal of Cardinal Mooney High School in Rochester, New York from 1978 to 1985. Following his role as principal, he enjoyed a renewal program at Sangre de Cristo in Santa Fe, New Mexico and studies at Santa Fe College, Santa Fe, New Mexico and at Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C.

In 1986, Brother Francis was assigned to Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy to teach math and coach various intramural sports. In 1988, his teaching ministry took him to



St. Mary's Seminary in Fort Portal, Uganda. Although he served only one year in Fort Portal, his hospitality made a deep impact as on the many and varied frequent visitors the Brothers' house.

Brother Francis then returned to Notre Dame International School in Rome as a teacher and as the director of the Holy Cross Religious community. He thus finished his overseas ministerial experiences and moved back to the States in 1991, to live at Columbia Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, where he began a Master's of Science in Administration degree at the University. Upon completion of the Master's degree, he was assigned in 1993 as Business Manager at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Maryland. In 1998 he assumed the additional role of Director of the Brothers community.

In 2005 Frank began a sabbatical year at Sangre de Cristo, New Mexico and then at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. He then returned to Notre Dame where he resided at Columbia Hall and started his ministry at Dujarie House primarily as a "Transportation Coordinator." and his years of experience driving buses for school teams made him well-prepared for driving brothers to various medical appointments and shopping. Frank would often drive the van on a wandering route through the campus of Notre Dame to ensure the brothers were up to date.

Although Frank described himself as semi-retired, he was very active as Assistant Superior at Columbia Hall. Besides taking care of the various needs of the Brothers in community there, as well as many of the guests, he was busy attending the various athletic events, lectures and cultural events on the Notre Dame campus, not to mention getting in some swimming at the Rockne Memorial and playing golf - for free at the two university courses.

In April of 2015, at the time of his 60th Jubilee, he related, "I plan to keep doing most of these things for the next decade or so with God's blessings." But, the Lord called him home on Saturday, September 9, 2017. He was not feeling well that morning and at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana a heart problem was detected, but in the midst of preparations for surgery, he passed on to new life.

We have been blessed by his many years of dedicated ministry in secondary education - in the classroom and on the sports field, and to us, his Brothers. We will greatly miss his presence as Assistant Superior, brother and friend.

Br. William Zaydak, C.S.C.
Provincial Superior



Richard A. Murphy '67

January 23, 1949 – August 18, 2016

Richard A. Murphy was born in Floral Park, raised in Queens Village and graduated from Holy Cross High School in 1967. He met his wife, Patricia, at a Holy Cross basketball game in 1965, where they started dating. They went on to marry and shared almost 43 years of marriage together. They moved to Oneonta in January 1972 and he began a 35-year career as a Speech Pathologist for ONC-BOCES, working mostly in the Oneonta School System. In 1977 he received his Master's Degree in Speech and Language Pathology from the College of St. Rose in Albany.

In 1980 he began a 20-year career in local real estate, concurrent with his teaching. A lifelong Yankees fan, Richard then added a 28-year commitment as a Little League Coach in 1987. He was recognized for his baseball service in 2014 when a minor league field was named "Richard Murphy Field".

In 2001 Richard ran for public office and was elected to the Oneonta Town Board. When he retired in 2013, he was Board Vice-chair and when he retired from the board, he recruited and mentored up-and-coming politicians. He also was a Eucharistic Minister and an active member of St. Mary's Church.

Richard's adult life was involved in educating people, whether through speech and language pathology, Little League or community representation. His final gift was as a donor to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City to further the research and education of glioblastoma. His advice in life and on the field was always, "See the ball!"

He passed on August 18, 2016 from a stage 4 glioblastoma brain tumor. The Richard A. Murphy Memorial Scholarship was formed and is given in living memory of Richard Murphy so that he may continue to educate and mentor others at Oneonta High School. He surely shared Blessed Basil Moreau's philosophy that "education is the art of helping young people to completeness".

Patricia D. (Keenan) Murphy
Wife of Richard Murphy '67

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Despite inclement weather, this year's annual President's Dinner on September 6, 2017 kicked off with a cocktail reception on the rooftop at Bourbon Street Restaurant on Bell Boulevard, followed by dinner in their beautiful Magnolia Room. Owners Mark Boccia P'12 and Peter Segrave '81 were on hand to ensure that every aspect of food, décor and service were top notch. The guests, members of the President's Leadership Society 2016-2017 and 2017 Hall of Fame honorees, had an opportunity to meet Holy Cross students and get acquainted with one another in a warm and intimate setting. Donors of gifts \$1,500 or more qualify for the President's Leadership Society. *View photo gallery here.*



Gail Sicoli with Maddy and Renan Mazorra P'06.



(L-R) FDNY Chief Ed Kilduff, Catherine Donovan P'84, Mike Truesdell, Nadine Freiss, Art Louise '64.



Senior Campus Ministers representing the Holy Cross student body (L-R) Angelo Alessandro, Michael Farkash, Evan Katsefes, Ryan O'Hagan.



Bourbon Street proprietors Peter Segrave '81 and Mark Boccia P'12.

ALUMNI RECEPTIONS



(L-R) Jim Conboy '83, John Francis '04, Nancy Quinn, Bill Crinnion '77.

On the heels of visiting Holy Cross alumni in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Naples and Jupiter (Florida) in the Winter/Spring of 2017, Mike Truesdell and Jim Conboy '83 began the new school year attending alumni receptions on Long Island (September 29) and in New York City (October 2), graciously hosted by Billy Schaeffer '69 and Dr. Paul LeClerc '59, respectively. Drawing alumni across all decades, these intimate gatherings afford Mike and Jim

the opportunity to share and answer questions about the current and future plans for the school and gather information from alumni that may impact important decisions going forward. Joseph Giannuzzi '65 co-hosted the event at Billy Schaeffer's residence, which was attended by several of Billy's teammates from the 1968 Championship basketball team (the first in Holy Cross history!) who celebrated their 50th Anniversary at a special pre-game reception on January 19, 2018. On the schedule for the Spring are alumni receptions in Chicago, North Carolina, Washington, D.C. and southeast Florida. If you are interested in hosting or attending an alumni reception in your area, or would like to become a member of a local chapter of the Alumni Association, please contact Gail Sicoli at gsicoli@myhchs.org or (718) 886-7250, Ext. 577.



(L-R) George Groom '59, Mark Reuter '72, Rick Schneider '64, Joe Giannuzzi '65, Mike Casciato '74, Angie Casciato, John Krall '75, Jim Conboy '83, Frank Timcheck, Bill Crinnion '77, Linda Schaeffer, Thomas Myles '68, Bob Larkin '69, Tom Timchek '59, Charles Funk '60, Billy Schaeffer '69, Art Louise '64, Mike Ryan '77, Marty Stein '74, Mike Truesdell.

FOOTBALL REUNION



(L-R) Jim Conboy '83, Gerry McDonough '78, Jim Manfre '78

On Saturday, September 30, 2017, 22 members of the undefeated 1977 City Championship Football Team and their Coaches turned out to celebrate their 40th anniversary reunion at the Olde Trading Post in New Hyde Park before attending the Holy Cross vs. Holy Trinity varsity game where they were recognized on the field at half time. Making the day even more special was the Knights defeating their opponent 21-14! *[View photo gallery here.](#)*



(L-R) Kneeling: Ron Occhiogrosso '79, Jim Sucich '78, Eugene Collett '78, Jimmy Kerwin '79, Mike Feffer '78, Jim Manfre '78; Standing: Eugene McCarthy '79, Glenn Tants '78, Kevin Conboy '79, Dan Barr '79, Coach Stan Aufieri, Gerry McDonough '78, Coach Tom Pugh, Carl Pate '78, John LaSala '79, Drew Scarano '79, Anthony Langone '79



(L-R) Joe Rabaglia '79, Chris Wagner '73, Drew Scarano '79, Ron Occhiogrosso '79, Joe Giannuzzi '65.

2017 HALL OF FAME

INDUCTION AND DINNER



2017 Hall of Fame Honorees (L-R) Eric Pilotti, Esq. '74, Terrence Tarpey, Jr. '83, Judge George Grasso P'06, Raynard Benvenuti '74, Regina Grasso P'06, Christopher DeMarco '80, Thomas Myles '68, Derrin Horton '86, Joseph DaProcida, Esq. '81, Michael Neary '86,

DeMarco '80, Derrin Horton '86, Thomas Myles '68, Michael Neary '86, Eric Pilotti, Esq. '74 and Terence Tarpey, Jr. '83.

This year's recipient of the Cross and Anchor Award was Mrs. Regina Grasso, wife of Judge George Grasso, parents of Joseph Grasso, Class of 2006. The St. Brother Andre Medal was bestowed upon Brother Robert Falcone, C.S.C. and posthumously awarded to Cadet Brandon Jackson '14.

Of special note, Brandon's former Holy Cross and West Point teammates and coaches were in attendance to support Brandon's mom, Ms. Morna Davis, who received the St. Brother Andre Medal on his behalf. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, contributors and advertisers for their support, and especially the winner of the 50/50 Raffle, Claude Maina '75, for donating his 50/50 raffle winnings to the event in support of scholarships and financial aid. *[View photo gallery here.](#)*

The 2017 Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner was held on Saturday evening, November 11, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, NY. Joining the distinguished honorees were over 250 family, friends and classmates celebrating their personal and professional achievements.

Inducted into the Hall of Fame were: Raynard Benvenuti '74, Joseph DaProcida, Esq. '81, Christopher



St. Brother Andre Medal recipient Brother Robert Falcone, C.S.C.



This year's Hall of Fame inductee Terence Tarpy, Jr. '83 with Hall of Famer dad, Terence Tarpy, Sr. '59 and wife Jeanne, brother Michael Tarpy '85 and wife Barbara.



Honoree Joseph DaProcida, Esq. '81 with Eileen Kenna and twins, Joe and Grace.



Family, friends and teammates of Cadet Brandon Jackson '14.



A special thank you to our Sponsors (L-R) Christopher DeMarco '80, Peter Trupia '68, Ellen Damato, Morna Davis, Georgiana Reese-Benatti (New York Community Bank), Fitzgerald Miller (family of Brandon Jackson), Mike Truesdell, Raynard Benvenuti '74, William Damato. Not pictured: Flushing Bank, Benefactor Sponsor; Jack Gentile '60, Green and Gold Sponsor; Peter Venaglia '77 and Ferrari Driving School, Donor Sponsors.



Honoree Derrin Horton '86 with Mike Genovese and Joseph Giannuzzi '65.



Honoree Eric Pilotti, Esq. '74 with friends and family members (l-r) Seated: Victoria Pilotti, Eric Pilotti, Melinda Maina, Claude Maina '75, Bill Ferraro. Standing: Charles Pilotti '06, Aimee Liguori, Samantha Pilotti, Rob Pagan, Eric S. Pilotti '04, Marisa Ferraro.



Cross-country and indoor track teammates and senior year coach, Brother James Branigan, C.S.C., reunite after fifty years to celebrate the Hall of Fame induction of their classmate Tom Myles '68. (L-R) Michael Dunckley, Timothy Myles, Thomas Myles, Brother James Branigan, C.S.C., Matthew Cola.



Former Holy Cross Presidents Brother Stephen LaMendola '67 and William Damato.



Honoree Christopher DeMarco '80 and wife Maria celebrate his induction with son, Charlie, daughter, Isabel and Holy Cross Board Chair and Presenter, Frank Orzo '64.



Attending on behalf of Patron Sponsor New York Community Bank (L-R) Seated: Maryann McAleer, Linda DeSabato, former Queens Borough President Claire Shulman, Judge Joseph Golia; Standing: Joseph and Lynn Garcia, Georgiana Reese-Benatti, Vincent Riso, Rosie Golia.



Honoree Michael Neary '86 with wife Rosa and children Briana and John Peter.



Family and friends of Cross and Anchor Award recipient Regina Grasso (L-R) Joseph Grasso '06, Briane Richards, George, Jr. and Julianne Grasso, Judge George and Regina Grasso, Monsignor Anthony Sherman, Elaine and Anne Chavanne.



Holy Cross and West Point teammates of Cadet Brandon Jackson '14.



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

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Flushing, New York 11358-1197

Upcoming Events

2018 ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Mass: 5:00 PM

Reception: 6:00 – 11:00 PM

Alumni Reunion hosted by 50th Anniversary Class of 1968 and 25th Anniversary Class of 1993, celebrating with Classes 1963, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013 and “Golden Knights” Classes 1959-1967.

36TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, June 25, 2018

36th Annual Golf Classic honoring
“Holy Cross Legacy Families”
Engineers Country Club and
North Shore Country Club

2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND DINNER

Saturday, November 11, 2018

Immaculate Conception Center

For more information about upcoming events, please visit Alumni News and Events on our website (www.holycrosshs.org), email Gail Sicoli or call (718) 886-7250, Ext. 577.

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