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November 2019

Dear friends of Holy Cross High School:

Allow me to extend my congratulations and best wishes as you gather tonight to celebrate Holy Cross High School's 2019 Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner.

Throughout the past several decades Holy Cross High School has continued its mission of educating and forming the minds and hearts of young students, remaining steadfast to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church, always guided by the educational and spiritual vision of Blessed Father Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

It is with sincere gratitude that I extend my congratulations and best wishes to all those who have dedicated themselves to this mission, with special recognition to this evening's honorees, and to the administration, faculty and staff, for their outstanding service and commitment to Holy Cross High School, and to the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Assuring you of a special remembrance in my prayers and at the celebration of the Eucharist, and with every best wish for a happy and successful evening, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicholas DiMarzio".

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn

From the Office of the President



An image of the Sorin Oak, found on the campus of St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas, appears as a watermark in this publication. When Fr. Edward Sorin, CSC, founded St. Edward's in 1877, he doubtless had in his mind these words written in 1842 by the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC "Holy Cross will grow like a mighty tree and constantly shoot forth new limbs whose branches will produce yet others, and all nourished with the same sap and endowed with the same life."



What we celebrate this evening are those very words of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC, as embodied in ten special members of our Holy Cross High School family. Our Hall of Fame Honorees, like the mighty oak described by our founder, have through their work with their families and in their communities, "nourished with the same sap and endowed with the same life." You will have the opportunity to hear about, and in most cases, from them.

We congratulate them for their successes. We thank them for their inspiration. And we know that Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC, smiles upon them from his heavenly perch for their having proved him right!

Thank you for celebrating this evening.

God Bless, All!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Truesdell".

Mike Truesdell
President

From the Chair

Dear Alumni and Friends of Holy Cross,

I am honored to welcome you to the 2019 Holy Cross Hall of Fame celebration. This evening we honor friends, who have been very special to the life of Holy Cross. They reflect for all of us the dedication, commitment and achievements that have brought life to their community and to what we are all called to bring to reality in ours; the words of Christ lived in who we are and what we do. I congratulate our honorees who have been selected to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, and those who will receive the Cross and Anchor Award and the St. Brother André Medal.



The Founding Father of our Congregation of Holy Cross, Blessed Basil Moreau, tells us that our educational calling is not just for the mind, but must be as well for the heart. Minds are certainly challenged at Cross and so are the hearts of our young men and women, nurtured and transformed; transformed into great goodness. Moreau said of our early schools in nineteenth century France, "If there ever existed a time this type of education should be an influence in the lives of young people, it is now." The same exists today in a world of so much ignorance and hatred, so many thoughtless, heartless acts. Holy Cross is needed!

I thank all of you for your support of this evening's celebration. I thank you for the support that many of you give Holy Cross that goes well beyond this one night. With the school, and its families, you continue Holy Cross' great mission.

I offer special gratitude to our honorees. Basil Moreau, in his writings on Christian Education tells us, and I say to you, our honorees – "With eyes of faith, consider the greatness of your mission and the wonderful amount of good you can accomplish. And also consider the great reward promised to those who bring the truth to others and have helped form them into justice – They will shine eternally in the skies like stars of the heavens (Daniel 12:3)." Honorees – you now shine for us, eternal stars of the heavens!

On behalf of the Brothers and the Congregation of Holy Cross, I thank you for your support of our shared mission. May God continue to bless you, and the entire Holy Cross High School community.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Bro. James Branigan CSC". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brother James Branigan, CSC



The Holy Cross High School Hall of Fame display, pictured above, was installed in the corridor on the second floor of the School in 2018. It is inscribed with the names of all Hall of Fame honorees that represent different periods in Holy Cross' history and come from varied backgrounds, yet share a loyalty and devotion to the mission of Holy Cross.

Hall of Fame Inductees are those individuals who have excelled in exemplifying the spirit of Holy Cross. They will have demonstrated a significant level of achievement in one or many areas of endeavor including public service, government, religion, athletics, education, science and medicine, the arts, law and finance. They will have exhibited, through their philanthropy and/or volunteerism to Holy Cross and their community, a commitment that reflects the service philosophy of the School.

In 1998 Holy Cross High School inaugurated the *Cross and Anchor Award*. The founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the Venerable Basil Moreau, C.S.C., elected

this symbol and motto, *Spes Unica* (*The cross, our only hope!*), to impress upon the members of our congregation the importance and meaning of our Christian faith. This award is presented to individuals whose achievements, energy, and spirit have reached into the lives of many and served as an example of the Holy Cross tradition of leadership, generosity, and compassion.

The *Saint Brother André Medal* was inaugurated in 2012 and is named for Saint Brother André Bessette, a Brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Beatified by Pope John Paul II on May 23, 1982, Brother André was formally canonized a saint of the Church on October 17, 2010. The medal inscription reads "For enduring contributions, in humble service, to the mission of Holy Cross High School." The Saint Brother André Medal is given to individuals who have exemplified the virtues of humility and service and have made, over many years, an enduring contribution to the mission of Holy Cross in making God known, loved and served.

Hall of Fame Inductees

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Daniel A. Bartolomeo '73	Carmen L. Flamino, CFP '60	Charles P. Lucania '84 +	Georgiana Reese-Benatti
Gerald Begley	James R. Fleming '70	John Lucas '60	Robert Reichenbach '72
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Dominick Berardi '94 +	Michael Genovese	Dennis Lyons	Bernard F. Reynolds '59
Anthony Biscione '75	Jack A. Gentile '60	Richard L. Lyons '68	Robert J. Ricca '65
Peter Bonventre '63	Edward F. Geraghty '74 +	James P. Malone '70	Michael Riordan '63
Kenneth N. Bouyer '86	William J. Giannone, Jr. '80	RADM Kenneth P. Manning '59	Richard J. Rizzuto '74
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Edward P. Burns '84	Father Francis Grogan, C.S.C. +	Patricia A. McEnerney	Joseph Squeri '83
Vincent J. Calcagno, CPA '90	George T. Groom '69	John E. McGovern '61	Kevin M. Stacom '69
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Carol Cook	Senator Frank Padavan
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Joseph Ficalora	Hank Santo
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Regina Grasso	Dominick J. Totino '77
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Michael J. Hegarty	Most Reverend Rene A. Valero, MSW
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Honorable Peter Koo	Frank Vanacore, Sr.

St. Brother André Medal Recipients

Monsignor Steven J. Aguggia, J.C.L. '79	Cadet Brandon Terrell Jackson '14 +
Fokion "Ike" Avgerinos, DC '84	Brother James Kane, C.S.C.
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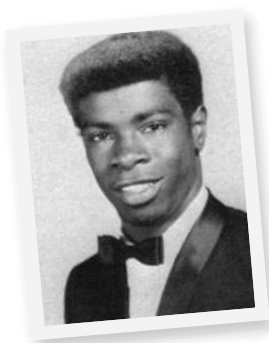
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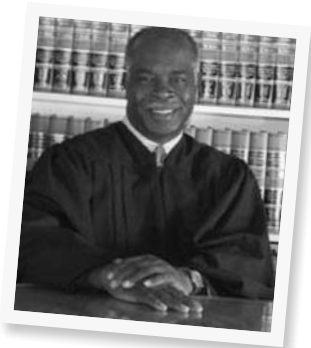
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THE HONORABLE JERALD S. CARTER '70

Supreme Court Judge (Retired)

*"Faith without good
works is dead."*



The older son of Shirley and Eleanor Carter, Jerald Shirley Carter was born on January 27, 1952 in Harlem, New York. In 1956, following the birth of their second son, Kenneth David '72, the Carters moved to St. Albans, Queens.

"My grandmother wanted my father to be a minister," Judge Carter says. "My father liked to argue and debate, so he became an attorney. Me, I wanted to be the centerfielder for the Yankees – or Perry Mason." Shirley Carter convinced his son to be an attorney saying "we need more Thurgood Marshalls than Willie Mays." It was only a matter of time before his son followed suit. Judge Carter's mom was an emergency room nurse before starting a family, and when the boys were in middle school, returned to the field as a Nurse Practitioner.



The Carter family attended mass every Sunday at St. Catherine of Sienna where both boys began their Catholic education. When it came time for Judge Carter to choose a high school, he chose Holy Cross because their green and gold colors reminded him of the Green Bay Packers. At Holy Cross, Judge Carter excelled athletically, and, academically. He recalls the ever looming presence of Brother Francis Ellis and engaging teachers like Joe Giannuzzi, who helped develop his love of history and made boring topics sound interesting. He took the outfield for Coach Jim Kerr (*who nicknamed him "Cartz"*), and played clarinet under the direction of Brother Edward Boyer. "He had the perfect embouchure for the clarinet," Brother Boyer recalls. "I have vivid memories of a very neat and polished young man, extremely cooperative and easy to work with in all respects."

While Judge Carter recalls feeling somewhat isolated at Holy Cross due to its lack of diversity, he really came into his own at Fisk University (*his father's alma mater*), and had a great social experience. He played Varsity baseball and served as student body President where he was influential in mobilizing the community to ensure justice was served during a particularly challenging time in Nashville, Tennessee.

After graduating cum laude, Judge Carter enrolled at Howard University to pursue his law degree, finishing 6th in a class of 126.

Judge Carter began his career prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases at the Nassau County District Attorney's Office. After a decade of working with his father in private practice, he was appointed as Associate Justice for the Village of Hempstead. He served with distinction for six years until his elevation in April 1996 to the Nassau County District Court. Judge Carter joined the County Court in 1996 and was appointed an acting Supreme Court Justice the following year. He retired from the bench as the Senior Judge of the County Court in December 2017, having presided over many high-profile cases. At his farewell party, Judge Thomas Adams remarked, "Judge Carter has served the Nassau County Courts for decades with unparalleled integrity, fairness and transparency. He treated all those who came before him on the bench with profound respect and dignity. He is a brilliant and hardworking judge who will be missed by all and has left an indelible mark on the Nassau County Courts."



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"One of the most rewarding aspects of the law," Judge Carter shared, "is the ability to give someone a second chance." He recalled one individual whom he represented as a defense attorney. He was adamant that he was falsely accused, and would not accept a plea. The young man was found not guilty after trial. A few years later this man came by Judge Carter's courtroom to thank him for believing in him. He spoke of his contracting business and the family he was raising on the North Shore. "Some of the most important cases do not wind up in the news," he noted.

Judge Carter has received many accolades over the years. He received the "Outstanding Young Men in America Award;" the Norman Lent Award for judicial excellence; The NAACP Legal Leadership Award; the COBANC Fidelis Jury Award for

Distinguished Service; and the Honorary Law Enforcement Man of the Year Award. He was recognized as the 2003 Adjunct Professor of the Year at Touro Law School and has appeared as a television legal analyst on *Court TV*, *Like It Is*, *The McCreary Report*, and *Rivera Live*. Judge Carter serves on the Touro School of Law Board of Governors and is a prior member of the Fisk University Board of Trustees and Chief Judge Judith Kaye's Probation Reform Task Force. This year, Judge Carter was appointed a member of the Board of Directors for Holy Cross High School. When asked what impact he hopes to make on the school, he replied "I am coming in from a perspective of bringing more diversity to the faculty and student body, and helping to drive the campaign to expand the physical plant. I think it is important that Holy Cross stay relevant in the 21st century and offer a welcoming environment for everyone."

Judge Carter and his wife of 23 years, Cheryl, have a daughter Amber, 22. Judge Carter also has two daughters: Rachel, 33 and Brittany, 30, and a step-son Mike, 42. While he has visions of sitting on a beach somewhere after seeing Amber through law school, for the moment he is working on his golf handicap, enjoys scuba diving and watching the New York Yankees, and occasionally toys with the idea of learning to fly.





ANA DIEZ

*Chairperson, World Languages Department
Holy Cross High School*

*"I wanted to be a teacher
for as long as I can remember."*



Ana Diez was born in Cuba to middle class parents Ana and Jose Diez during the time that Fidel Castro was asserting his power and adopting a model of communist rule. Concerned about economic decline in their homeland, Ana and her parents immigrated to the United States when she was five years old. They originally landed in Florida on July 4th, but for reasons unbeknownst to Ana, the family chose to settle in Rego Park, Queens. "My father was extremely patriotic about the United States and I think New York was where he felt the most sense of pride in this country." Jose Diez pursued his American dream by working as a traveling salesman for various companies throughout his life in order to provide his wife and daughter with a comfortable lifestyle. Only when Ana entered high school did her mom take a job working part-time at Alexander's department store.

Devout Catholics, Ana and her family attended Mass every Sunday. She was enrolled in their parish school, Our Lady of the Angeles. Ana forged a strong relationship with two girlfriends in grammar school and, when it came time to choose a high school, they enrolled together at The Mary Louis Academy. After graduation, Ana attended St. John's University where she majored in Spanish, with a minor in Education and went on to earn an MA in Spanish Literature. "I wanted to be a teacher for as long as I could remember," she says. "Maybe it's in the blood, who knows!"

In order to complete her college requirements, Ana student taught at St. Francis Prep High School in Fresh Meadows. One day when passing through Marillac Hall at St. John's University, Ana saw a flyer advertising a permanent position at St. Saviour High School in Brooklyn and soon found her niche teaching Spanish to high school juniors. Still in need of one more observation, she serendipitously arrived at Holy Cross High School. At the time there were very few female instructors at Holy Cross, and the Brothers of Holy Cross filled many of the teaching positions. A few people inquired if she felt out of place at an all-boys school, but she recalls that it never fazed her. When she heard of a permanent position opening up, she immediately applied for it. "I figured if I got the job, it would be a great opportunity. If I didn't, it would be great practice for future interviews."



In May 1984, Ana was hired to begin in September what would be a 35-year residence at Holy Cross. She began teaching Spanish to all grades, and even taught freshman Italian at times. She describes the school environment at that time as "well behaved boys who packed the classrooms wall to wall." Ana's giving nature and Catholic upbringing was the catalyst for choosing to participate in the Campus Ministry program. Her Cuban roots and her father's stories about growing up in Spain made the World Languages Club – which celebrates all cultures – a natural fit. Ana thought her students would most benefit from trips outside the classroom, and she would take them to Repertorio Espanol, a playhouse in Manhattan, to immerse themselves in Spanish productions. They would dine at local Latin restaurants and cafes before returning home.

All these many years later, Ana is still the moderator of the World Languages Club. She is also involved in International Night, an initiative she inherited from Brother Stephen LaMendola. Having spent most of her life at Holy Cross, Ana believes that along the way the members of the Holy Cross community – faculty, staff and parents – have become her extended family and her admiration for them is clearly reciprocated. "Ana has always been an example of what a true Catholic School teacher is all about! Faith in Christ, hope for all students and charity to those less fortunate," remarked Joseph Giannuzzi. Tom Pugh added "It's always been clear that, for Ana, teaching is a vocation, not just a job. Over three decades of service to the school, she has exemplified true Christian values, upholding the mission of Holy Cross. On a personal level, it's important to say that Ana is kind, funny, loyal, and sensitive to others."



But above all, Ana devoted her life to the people she treasures most – her beloved parents Ana and Jose. She is forever grateful for the memories of traveling with them, their trip to her dad's homeland in Santander one of the most memorable. Ana also had the opportunity to return to Cuba with her mother 24 years ago to visit her side of the family and meet cousins she never knew existed. Before they passed away several years ago, Ana remained by their side to ensure they were comfortable and received the best quality care only a daughter, such as her, could provide. One of Ana's closest friends, Diane Calabrese, was in awe of her dedication. "I so admired Ana's unwavering devotion and love in caring for both of her parents for many years, and her extraordinary generosity towards the people she cares about." To Ana, the lessons her parents taught her will never be forgotten. "Mom taught me by example how to be a faithful Catholic, and my dad taught me to be hardworking and educated. He used to say, 'Ana, no one can take your education away from you.'"



Brother Ed Boyer shared with us that he recently learned that some people call her 'Annie.' "It's a nickname that suits her open-book and outgoing personality," he said. "But Ana, for me, still reflects a woman whose professionalism, competence, and even-tempered leadership of the language department remain an inspiration."

Ana spends much of her free time reading and enjoys going to the beach as much as possible in the summer during school break. When asked about her Hall of Fame induction, Ana felt that she didn't do anything to deserve it. "I love teaching, and I try to do the very best that I can."



JOHN C. GERSPACH '71

Chief Financial Officer, Citigroup (Retired)

"I believe that my life is proof that Holy Cross truly is an institution that fulfills the statement that education is the art of helping young people to completeness."



A strong commitment to family, the importance of speaking up for yourself and others, and the willingness to accept personal responsibility for one's actions are probably the three foundational traits that best describe John Gerspach. John was born in St. Albans, Queens, the eldest child of John and Claire Gerspach. John and his parents lived in a two-story house with Claire's mom and dad. When he was 5 years old, the family moved to New Hyde Park, just over the Queens/Nassau border. While they no longer shared a house with Nana and Pop Nolan, Nana and Pop were only 8 blocks away. Having the good fortune to spend so much time with his grandparents while growing up was a big influence on John's life and is evident in the high importance that John has always placed on family.

John's dad (John, Sr.) was a WWII Navy vet and worked for the New York Telephone Company. Under John Sr.'s photo in his high school yearbook was the caption: "You tell 'em John and if they don't listen, tell 'em again." The importance of having a view and sharing that view was something that was impressed upon each of his children, not merely with words but with actions, as John, Sr. was active in both the community and the local parish. John, Sr. strongly believed that a person couldn't complain about something unless they were willing to get up and do something to fix it. Should someone (including his children) offer an excuse as to why they couldn't complete a task, they were likely to hear, "you know, it's a poor carpenter who blames his tools."

John and his three siblings (Mary, Tom and Jim) attended Notre Dame Grammar School in New Hyde Park. John was an altar boy, played CYO basketball and baseball, and competed in CYO track (this was probably the pinnacle of John's athletic career). While his parents favored other high schools closer to home, John chose to attend Holy Cross High School for the simple reason that, based on what he knew, John felt that he would fit in better at Cross. His parents told him that it was his choice to make but if he didn't like Cross, then he'd have to transfer to the local public high school. There would be no transfer — going to Holy Cross proved to be a winning choice.

John was a good student and was placed in the honors program at Cross. He was always mathematically oriented and thought about building on this interest by attending an engineering program. Two events changed John's mind. First was having Brother Karl Diemand as an English teacher in his junior year. While numbers were still John's main focus, he suddenly discovered the importance of words. As a result of this epiphany and at the urging of Brother Karl, John even enrolled in a creative writing course for his senior year. John began his senior year at Cross still convinced that he was going to continue his education at an engineering school near home. All his college applications had been submitted in January when John began to have doubts about limiting himself to such a narrow pursuit. That's when the second event occurred. Out of the blue, John's guidance counselor (Brother Edward Duggan) told John that since Holy Cross was affiliated with the University of Notre Dame, due to John's academic standing he was entitled to submit an application to Notre Dame and have the application fee waived. Brother Edward explained that Notre Dame was different than the other schools to which John had applied, since it was not an engineering focused school, and was located in Indiana. Not only did this combination address the doubts that John was beginning to have about his college choice, but not having to ask your parents to fund another application fee sounded like a perfect solution.

John graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1975 with a degree in Accounting. He began his professional career at Arthur Andersen & Co., a public accounting firm, and later worked at ITT Corporation, as the Finance Head of their Defense Contracting Business, and at Penn Central Industries, as the Chief Financial Officer. In 1990, John joined Citicorp (parent of Citibank) and served in numerous financial roles in a variety of their businesses including credit cards, corporate banking and Citi's Latin America franchise. In 2005, John became the Controllor and Chief Accounting Officer of Citigroup and in 2009 he was appointed as Citi's Chief Financial Officer. John retired from Citi in March, 2019. The ability to combine an affinity for numbers with strong communication skills was an important element in John's professional success. How different John's path might have been if not for the influence of Brother Karl and Brother Edward.

Through common friends, while attending Cross, John met Dorette Montalbano. They maintained a close friendship but didn't begin to date until they were in college. John and Dori were married in May 1977 and have been blessed with three wonderful children (Mark, Brian and Elise). All three are married (Mark & Lindsay, Brian & Jen, Elise & James) and live in the New York area. This proximity means that John and Dori are fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time with their three grandchildren — Chloe, Charlie and Zoe.

John and Dori have always been active in the local community. John, as a youth sports coach (football, basketball, baseball, softball and soccer), along with being the past president of the local civic association and head of the school board nominating committee among other roles; and Dori, as head of various PTA committees and the treasurer of the local high school sports booster club. Dori is also a member of the Board of Directors of United Hebrew of New Rochelle (a skilled care nursing facility).

While everyone's life is impacted by a variety of people and events, there is no doubt that John's four years at Holy Cross were crucial in his development. John is forever grateful to Holy Cross (particularly Brother Karl and Brother Duggan) for expanding his skill set and for helping him find a college where he could continue to expand his horizons. John believes that he is living proof that Holy Cross lives up to Blessed Father Moreau's statement that "Education is the art of helping young people to completeness."





MATTHEW J. GLUBIAK '85

*Director of Sales
The TemPositions Group of Companies*

*"My father and Holy Cross
were two of the most important
influencers in my life."*



Matthew Glubiak was the youngest of five children born to John and Margaret Glubiak on May 9, 1967. His brother Pete left to attend the University of Virginia when Matt was only 3, and siblings Bill '78, Jane and John were already in grammar school. "They were a perfect family," Matt said, "then I came along!" By the time Matt was ten, his dad had retired after 25 years in the New York City Police Department, but continued to work in the private sector. His mom, who had worked at Vogue prior to starting a family, was able to stay at home with the children. "Mom was responsible for instilling an intellectual curiosity in all of us....reading to us before we could do it ourselves, then, once we could, insisting we read every day."



When the time came to choose a high school, there was no doubt in Matt's mind that he would wear the green and gold colors at Holy Cross. For years he had been in the bleachers watching his brother Bill play with the likes of Holy Cross Legends Hall teammates David Valle and Glenn McMillan. Although Matt felt he was a better baseball player, his true passion was always on the basketball court. Matt became Captain of both the Varsity baseball and basketball teams. His closest friends at Cross were, naturally, from both of the sports teams: Mike Farrell, Bob Kittelberger, and Steve Cartolano on the baseball team, and Tom Squeri, Eamon Tubridy, and Harold Porobija on the hoops team.

Matt did not let his participation in sports hinder his academic progress. He was a member of the National Honor Society and an honored recipient of the Michael J. Pergolizzi Scholarship Fund award, presented annually to a graduating senior who exemplifies the four qualities of NHS membership: scholarship, leadership, service and character, to a unique and outstanding degree.



In the Spring of 1984, during his junior year, the Glubiak family received the heartrending news that Matt's older brother, John, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. John moved back into the family home and everyone rallied to help take care of him. The following year, Matt was pulled out of Mr. Previdi's math class and summoned home to the news that his dad had suffered a massive heart attack, followed by a paralyzing massive stroke. Sadly, his brother John passed away in September of 1985. Matt's dad lived the next ten years of his life at the Veterans hospital in Northport. Matt's senior year at Cross was a veritable balancing act between what should have been a truly exciting time in his life - being recruited, searching out and applying to colleges - with the extra burden of helping out with his brother and father. "I did get to spend countless nights with my brother John, quietly watching the 1985 NY Mets fall just short of catching the Cardinals in pursuit of the NL pennant. Those are months of my life I will cherish forever."

Worcester Polytechnic Institute offered Matt a full ride to play basketball. He considered his interest in mathematics and thought their engineering and science programs would be a good fit. He ultimately graduated with a B.S. in Biotechnology, poised for recruitment by IBM as a Systems Engineer. While at IBM, he enrolled in night school at Fordham University where he earned an MBA in Marketing/Management. Matt quickly moved into sales and left IBM in 1993. Shortly thereafter, Matt was offered a position at a large technology staffing firm in Philadelphia, H.L. YOH Company, where he worked for the next 15 years, then joined the Johnson Service Group in a similar position as Market Manager. In 2016, Matt was hired by TemPositions, one of New York City's largest regional full-service staffing agencies, where he currently serves as Director of Sales.

Matt met his wife, Diana, at Ryan McFadden's in 1991 and they were married two years later. In 1996 they became proud parents of twin daughters, Claire and Emma. Although they attended different colleges, the girls moved in together on the Upper West Side after graduation. Matt and Diana reside in Ridgefield, Connecticut and, as empty nesters, enjoy traveling, hiking, cooking, reading, and dining out.



Matt's brother-in-law, Bob Dumas '75 had this to say: "No matter what you ask of Matt, he is always 'all in'. As a 16-year-old godfather to our son Robbie, he spent countless hours taking care of him, helping him learn about sports and being a great role model. When he was 20 years old and still in college, Matt devoted his time and talent to help coach Robbie's little league team. And when his twin daughters began playing basketball, he immediately jumped in and coached them in CYO and AAU. Like I said, 'all in'."



On his induction into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame, Matt remarked "When I got the call from Mr. G, all I could think of is how ironic it is that the institution that was so responsible for making me the man I am, is now calling to honor me for the man I am".

WILLIAM D. GLUBIAK '78

Chief Executive Officer
Cedar Brook Financial Group

"I have lived a blessed life, with a wonderful wife, great family and many friends. I wouldn't be the person I am today without Holy Cross."



William Glubiak was born and raised in Whitestone, New York with his parents John and Margaret, and four siblings: Pete, John, Jane and Matt '85. John Glubiak was a New York City Police Officer who worked three jobs to ensure all of his children would receive a Catholic education from grammar school through college, yet he managed to stay involved in his children's sports activities as an officer of DG, a local league with headquarters down the block from their home.

After Bill graduated from St. Luke's he entered Holy Cross High School where he found his niche in basketball playing on all three teams: Freshman, JV and Varsity. He participated in Student Government and held leadership positions both on and off the court. Bill recalls the Spring of Junior year when Coach called him into his office and named him Captain of the Varsity Basketball team. Bill was perplexed. "Why me?", he asked. "There are other players on the team that are way better." Coach O'Meara replied: "Talent wise, yes. But you are the unequivocal leader of this team and everyone looks to you for guidance." That comment changed the course of his life. "I started to realize that leadership carried a lot of responsibility and I never forgot that to this day. Coach O'Meara's confidence in me pretty much set the course for how I try to live my life. Every once in a while, when I have a quiet moment, I think of him, and thank him for that. He was a great man who left us all way too early."



Bill describes his time at Holy Cross as "by far, the best years of my early life." He has fond recollections of several teachers, coaches, and mentors who dispensed their own form of wisdom and guidance. "Joe G was best known for listening to us and giving fatherly advice," Bill recalls. He wrote in Bill's yearbook "Billy G...a bit lazy at times but when he went hard no one went harder." Even today Bill uses that motivation to get himself back into focus. Allan Blonde's course on how to write a research paper, and the discipline he taught in that class, stuck with Bill throughout the years and molded him into a skilled writer. "Coach Kerr taught tough love and took no prisoners. He lived it, and taught it, because he cared," Bill remarked. And lastly, in speaking about his guidance counselor, Jim Malone, Bill said admiringly, "He instilled in his students, peacefulness, patience and kindness. We could all use a little more Jim Malone in our lives even today. I always felt better when I walked out of Jim's office."

After Holy Cross, Bill received a full ride to St. Michael's College in Vermont where he played basketball and met his wife, Jill. After graduating with a degree in Political Science and Philosophy, Bill joined the U.S. Air Force. He was on active duty for five years as an Electronic Warfare Officer flying the B-52 aircraft, and was stationed in Minot, North Dakota and Sacramento, California. When his brother, John, was diagnosed with terminal cancer, and his Dad suffered a massive heart attack and stroke, he requested a transfer to Rome, New York so he could be closer to home.



In the late 80s, he and Jill started a family and settled in Northeast Ohio, where he was active in the Air Force Reserves as a Navigator on the C-130 aircraft. He is a proud veteran of the First Gulf War. He earned an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and, after a few brief stops and starts at various companies, including his own start-up, landed at the Cleveland Financial Group in 1994. He remained there until 2005 when he co-founded Cedar Brook Group, a financial advisory and wealth management firm, located in Cleveland, Ohio. Bill continues to serve in the capacity of its Chief Executive Officer.



Thirty-one years later, Bill and Jill continue to reside in beautiful Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and have three grown sons: Owen (34), Dana (28) and Will (26). Owen and Dana live on separate coasts, and they both work in the energy field. Will, who is a young adult with autism, contributes his time and God-given talents to Cedar Brook Group. A favorite family tradition – especially with Mom! – is coming together for the 4th of July and Thanksgiving holidays. While fondly recalling his younger days playing tennis and participating in many a Triathlon and Marathon, over the last four years Bill has stayed on course through CrossFit training - hiking and skiing - and fly fishing. When possible, Bill volunteers his time to raise money for various philanthropic endeavors, and is past Chairman of the Board of the Julie Billiard School, a K-8 special needs school, operating numerous schools in Northeast Ohio. He recently was honored to be elected as the Regional Chairman of the Mid-America Region of YPO, an international organization of business leaders.

His fellow alumnus, Bob Dumas '75, has nothing but accolades for his brother-in-law. "Billy is just a sensational guy. Whether it's raising money for a special needs school, hiring veterans or special needs people at his firm, or helping a friend or a relative in need...he is always there, always someone you can count on."

On his Hall of Fame induction, Bill remarked, "I am very proud to be recognized by Holy Cross with this honor. Whatever successes I've achieved in my life have been a direct result of how Holy Cross helped form the person I am. Friends, faculty, sports, the religious education received, all had a huge impact into forming a young 13-year-old who showed up there as a freshman, somewhat intimidated, and left a confident graduating senior with the skills and maturity to set out to conquer the world. Pretty cool stuff. Thank you Holy Cross!"





JOHN J. KNESICH '89

*President and Chief Executive Officer
JSM Brokerage Inc.*

"Once a Knight...always a Knight."



John Knesich was born in Astoria, Queens on May 14, 1971 to wonderful parents Marilyn and Dario and big sister Diane. The family moved to Bayside in 1972 and enrolled John and Diane at Sacred Heart Catholic Academy to begin their Catholic education. John discovered his passion for soccer at a very early age. His parents were keenly aware that their son enjoyed kicking a soccer ball around more than most children and at the age of 5, they signed him up to play for CYO and Istria Sports Club soccer teams. He quickly learned to play on an organized team and fell in love with the game.

By the age of 12 John was playing on State and Regional All-Star teams, representing New York and the Eastern Region of the United States. He played in tournaments throughout Europe, and had the honor of playing in the Germany, Norway and Sweden Cups. They won the Danish and Holland Cups, competing against over 100 teams from various countries. It was a great honor for him to compete at that level and John feels lucky to have been able to have that experience.



It was always John's dream to attend Holy Cross High School in Bayside and play soccer as a Holy Cross Knight. He knew Holy Cross would not only provide him an excellent education, but their soccer program had one of the top teams in New York. John and his friend, Taso Pappas, were determined to be accepted to the school and make the soccer team. They not only made the team, they excelled on the field. In their senior year, John made All Star Stopper and Taso was All League Most Valuable Player Sweeper. Some of John's closest lifelong friends are Holy Cross High School Knights teammates. His teachers and coaches were more than just role models to John. He viewed them as extended family – and still does - and cherishes his four years at Holy Cross. Former Principal Joseph Giannuzzi recalled John fondly. "He was a hard-nosed student and soccer player who always gave 100%. But he was an even better teammate as exemplified by his dedication to Taso and the Pappas family over all these years. Proud to call him a true Holy Cross Man."



After graduating from Holy Cross in 1989, John attended Adelphi University on a full scholarship. There, he continued his impressive soccer career playing for the Division 1 Adelphi University Panthers. In John's freshman year, the Panthers were ranked 7 in the nation and stayed within the top 20 during his years at Adelphi. He had the honor of qualifying for the Division 1 NCAA tournament three times from 1990-1992. In recognition of his achievements, John was inducted into the Adelphi University Soccer Hall of Fame in 2016.

In 1993, John continued his education at Adelphi, earning a business management degree. He was looking forward to the next chapter in his life. Having been exposed to the brokerage business through his mother's company, that same year he founded JSM Brokerage, specializing in Insurance and Risk Management. As President and CEO, John has successfully expanded the business from one small office in Jamaica, Queens to five locations in Whitestone, Melville, Mattituck, New York City and Palm Beach, Florida and services clients in many other states as well.



John is a true believer of giving back to the community and proudly supports many worthy causes. He was an instrumental part of the inception and continuation of the Holy Cross High School Taso Pappas Scholarship Fund which has assisted qualifying students with tuition awards for almost 30 years. Most importantly, it honors the memory of his best friend. He holds memories of the great years he had with Taso close to his heart.

Stacey Pappas, Taso's sister-in-law, describes John as, "a man who loves what he does, and it shows." She has been with JSM Brokerage for a little over six years and, over that time, has observed how John's values and love of helping others in his personal life carry over into his professional life. "He does more than sell insurance, he is dedicated to helping his clients make the correct decisions to protect and improve their lifestyle."

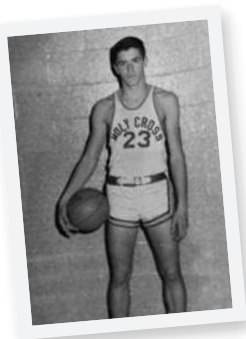
Living his life with the passion that he does, John continues to play soccer with the Istria Sports Club, where he previously served as

President and Soccer Coach for many years. He resides in Melville, New York and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and is a proud, loving dad to Dario, 19 and Daniella, 15. Dario, a sophomore at St. John's University, is proudly following in his father's footsteps, studying Insurance and Business Management; Daniella, 15, is currently a sophomore in high school and a soccer player, just like her dad. When John isn't hard at work, he can be found enjoying as much time as he can with his children, his extended family and friends.

According to Rob Cairo '94, JJ, as John is known to his friends, was the catalyst for the Holy Cross soccer program. "He was the 'iconic' coach, on the sidelines for all of our successes these last 15-20 years. Even five years after he graduated, John was referred to by our soccer coach as the programs best player, the one whose career we all followed, and the role model we all aspired to emulate. Over the years I have had the opportunity to know him on a personal level, and there's not a more genuine person than JJ, always looking to help others. This moment for him is well-deserved."

On his induction into the Holy Cross High School Hall of Fame, John shared, "I am honored and humbled."





MARTIN SCHOEPFER, ESQ. '66

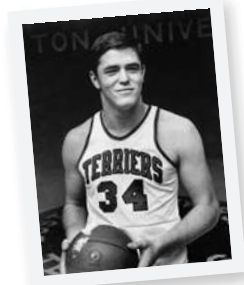
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*"Boats are perfectly safe
in the harbor but that is not
what boats are built for."*



In 1996, at the age of 45, Martin Schoepfer reinvented himself. After a long career coaching basketball at the college level, he enrolled at Quinnipiac College School of Law to earn his Juris Doctor degree. "I knew if I didn't do it then, I would never do it," he said. His father, brother and grandfather were all New York City Police Officers but his interest in the practice of law stemmed from watching Perry Mason in action on television.

Martin was born in St. Albans, Queens, the eldest son of Martin, Sr. and Kathleen Schoepfer. The family moved to nearby Floral Park where he and his siblings Kathleen, James '68, Brian and Timothy '75 attended St. Hedwig's Elementary School. The only organized sports at the time were through the Little League and the local Boy's Club and Martin quickly developed a penchant for baseball and basketball.



While he was accepted to Molloy, Bishop Reilly and McClancy, Holy Cross was the only high school with a football program, and he knew he wanted to be a part of that. As it turned out, Martin not only excelled in Football, over the course of his time at Holy Cross he lettered in Baseball (3), Basketball (2), and Track (1). Martin's achievements at Holy Cross were many. He was the first freshman to make the Varsity Baseball team, pitching for Coach Bob Larkin; set the High Jump record at 6'2 in Track, coached by Brother James Kane; was named Captain of the 1965-66 Varsity Basketball Team coached by Coach Bill O'Meara; and was a starter and 2nd team all-city Football player for the 1965 Championship Team. He can still recall the excitement of that season which he celebrated with, among others, teammates Tom Nash, Tom Harris, Dan DeVoe, Emmett Keneally, Joe Fitzgerald, Bob Bonistalli, Rudy Krizan and their Head Coach, Bob Griffin.

It was no surprise then that Martin received a full scholarship to play basketball at Division I Boston University, where he continued to break records. He was MVP for the 1969-70 season and a 1,000 point scorer. It was at BU that Martin met his wife Mary Jane. The couple moved to Virginia when Martin was offered a position as Assistant Basketball Coach at Longwood University, a program that was only in its fourth year of existence. On Martin's watch, the team compiled a school record 28-3 season and advanced to the 1980 NCAA Division III Final Four Tournament. In only its second year as an NCAA member, the Lancers came within three points of competing for a National Championship. In recognition of this achievement, Martin was inducted into the Longwood University Hall of Fame in 2014. In 1982 Martin accepted a Head Coach position at Connecticut College, replacing Dennis Wolff '73, where he would spend the next twelve years, leading the team to the ECAC Finals in 1983-84 for the first time since the inception of the program.



As successful and storied a career as Martin had in the sports arena, he never lost his dream of becoming a lawyer. He applied to, and was accepted by, Quinnipiac College School of Law. While at Quinnipiac, he co-founded the Quinnipiac College Health Law Journal. Upon passing the Connecticut Bar, Martin accepted a position with Suisman Shapiro in Connecticut as a criminal and family law attorney. He would spend the next twelve years with the firm, representing families in sensitive family matters including divorce, child custody and child support. In addition, he worked as a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and an Attorney for Minor Children (AMC) representing the children's interests in contested divorce and custody cases. Martin also volunteered to serve as a Court appointed Special Master, working with couples in hotly contested divorce cases, attempting to mediate a solution to the couple's differences. As a criminal defense Attorney, Martin represented individuals in both Part A and Part B criminal courts. He was a member of the Connecticut and New London Bar Associations, Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and National Association of Basketball Coaches.



With all these achievements, what has given Martin the most joy is reveling in the accomplishments of his children Andrew and Katie. Andrew was a three-sport athlete in high school and a four-year starter on the offensive line at Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA. He was All Patriot League and All New England as a senior. Andrew is now an Assistant Athletic Director at Providence College. His sister, Katie, broke the Connecticut high school soccer state record for goals in a career and went on to play for the Nittany Lions at Penn State University where she was a two-time All-American. Upon graduation she went on to play for seven years in the NWSL for the Boston Breakers. She is currently the Development Academy Director at South Shore Select soccer club in Massachusetts. Katie was recently inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame.

Martin was very pleasantly surprised to learn about his induction into the Holy Cross High School Hall of Fame and reflected on how big an impact the school had on his life. "My parents insisted that all the children go to Catholic high schools. I chose Holy Cross because of its academic reputation and its diverse sports programs. My education at Holy Cross proved to be an excellent foundation for my future successes."





BROTHER WILLIAM ZAYDAK, C.S.C. '72

Holy Cross College
Notre Dame, Indiana

"Aoe Cruax, Spes Unica."



Brother William Zaydak grew up in Mineola, Long Island, the second of four children born to Joseph and Rita Zaydak. Brother Bill attended their parish school, Corpus Christi, with his siblings Frances, Michael '74 and Elizabeth. His dad was a lifelong banker at Chase Manhattan and later, when Bill and Mike were at Holy Cross, his mom returned to nursing, working nights at what was then Nassau Community Hospital. When it came time to choose a high school, there was no doubt he would continue his Catholic education but, unfortunately, or rather, fortunately, he was not accepted at nearby Chaminade. In September of 1968 Brother Bill boarded a yellow bus to Queens where his heart – and mind – would be cultivated by the Brothers of Holy Cross under the watchful eye of their founder, Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau.



What impressed Brother Bill was the passion the Holy Cross Brothers had for their ministry, which was a mixture of discipline and being personable. He joined the concert band, and for four years was under the direction of Brother Ed Boyer. He also joined the stage crew, moderated by Brother Robert Gilroy and the Audio Visual Club moderated by Brothers James Kane and later John Flood (also a graduate of Holy Cross). The seed of an interest in being a teacher of math and science was nurtured by such teachers as Mr. Donald Barton, 'Doc' Schiliro and Br. Bernard Berendsen. Brother Bill witnessed in these teachers and others their complete dedication and commitment to the students inside and outside the classroom.

In January of senior year, on his way to study hall, Brother Bill passed by the Vocations Office and seemingly spontaneously, decided to pick up literature about the Brothers of Holy Cross. "When I told my parents about my decision, they were supportive and my mom said I should 'try it'", he recalls. She then added "because your cousin entered the seminary and decided to leave." Brother Bill did decide to 'try it', applied and was accepted into the Brothers. After graduation he went to the Brothers formation house at Stonehill College, MA.

Having applied late to Stonehill College, Brother Bill was not accepted as a science major but as liberal arts. Therefore, he completed all his liberal arts electives in his freshman year. The final three years were solid with science and math which he loved, and which left no room in his curriculum for education classes (which he was thankful for), so preparation for classroom would come later through practical experience. Upon graduating from Stonehill, and as a professed brother in Holy Cross, his first assignment was to Cardinal Mooney High School, Rochester, NY.

"Most brothers always love the first school they teach at, which was true for me," remarks Brother Bill. "I first taught the two ends of the spectrum – Freshman Physical Science and Senior Physics. It was a great experience to teach some students twice." Because of the introduction of Apple computers, Brother Bill was then asked to develop computer courses for all grade levels. He had a basis for taking on this task because of having a course in computer programming while at a senior Holy Cross. In 1972 it was quite rare for a school to offer such a course.



In 1986 Brother Bill was assigned to ministry in Uganda, having had the opportunity to visit there for a month in 1982. He attributes his interest starting with the stories Brother James Kane told in the classroom about his time in East Africa. During his time at Stonehill, he heard of the experiences of other brothers. Brother Bill spent two years in Fort Portal, Uganda and eight years in Nairobi, Kenya, preparing young Africans who wanted to become Holy Cross brothers and priests. "When you are immersed in a different culture, you can become less judgmental and more open and accepting. You learn that people are simply, people."

Br. Bill returned to the United States in 1986 to earn an MA in Computers and Education from Columbia University with the expectation of returning to East Africa. But the Provincial at the time, Brother George Schmitz, C.S.C., approached Brother Bill to be the Assistant Provincial for two years. Those two years turned into twenty, eleven as Assistant Provincial and nine as Provincial. During his time as provincial he oversaw the creation of the Moreau Province which consisted of the merging of two provinces of brothers which included ten lower education

schools, St. Edward's University and missions in East Africa and Brazil. He is currently assigned to Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Indiana. He is residing with five other brothers on the campus, mentoring students who have scholarships and looks forward to teaching at the college in the future and thus, return full cycle to his first ministry as a teacher.

As Provincial, Brother Bill was involved in the changes that have been happening at his alma mater, including the transition to co-ed education. "There is a big picture here that goes beyond Holy Cross, Queens, as young men and women alike at this school are mentored in their growth in self-awareness about who they are, and where they fit in in this world. I am very blessed that I've had the opportunity as Provincial and as an alumnus to help further the mission of the school."





PATRICIA MCCROSSEN REIMERDES

Outstanding Friend

"Life is a Journey."



In retrospect, how could Patty McCrossen Reimerdes have known when she performed in the Holy Cross production of "The King and I" in fourth grade that she would be an integral part of the school's philanthropic endeavors decades later.

Growing up in Whitestone, Patty was one of three children born to Arthur and Katherine McCrossen. She and her brothers, Artie and Robert '63, attended St. Luke's School and enjoyed a modest, but comfortable life afforded to them by her dad's real estate business and her mom's job at Abatelli Insurance. Some of her favorite childhood memories were of family vacations spent camping in Montauk, Long Island, with friends.

Patty's propensity towards fundraising began when her children, Shawn and Erika, attended Immanuel Lutheran grammar school. After struggling for years to grow their duty free shop business, Patty was fortunate to be a stay-at-home mom once it went public. As Vice President of the PTA for twelve years, she oversaw the production of the school's annual flea market and square dance. Her volunteerism extended into the community at the U.S. Open and the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, and, as soon as her children were old enough, she brought them along.

In 1992 when Patty, now divorced, was introduced to Rudy ("Rude the Dude") Krizan '66 by his Holy Cross football teammate, Dan DeVoe, she tried, unsuccessfully, to set him up with a girlfriend or two. But it wasn't long before Patty realized that she and Rudy shared many common interests – travel, golf, the company of good friends – and they soon became inseparable. Within a short time their blended family came to include Erika's husband Anthony Lercara and their children Jack and Mia, and Rudy's daughter Kristine, husband Jeff Henry, and their four daughters Ryann, Dylan, Gracy and Fallon. Throughout the years the families enjoyed their trips to Disney and annual trek to Aruba, but Patty also resurrected the tradition of camping out East, keeping it alive for this next generation. "My father always told us, 'remember where you come from'," she remarked.



According to Patty, in the span of 23 years, she and Rudy, her soulmate, had the time of their lives. Patty and Rudy felt truly blessed with everything they could possibly ask for, and they never hesitated to share their good fortune when someone needed a hand. Patty and Rudy would regularly attend Holy Cross High School events, including reunions, the Doo Wop shows and basketball games. "At one of the games I asked, 'why are they all wearing different sneakers?'" "and, low and behold, within a few weeks all four basketball teams at Holy Cross were sporting new, Nike footwear.

In October of 2015 Patty and Rudy attended the 50th Anniversary Reunion of the Holy Cross High School 1965 City Championship Football Team. Rudy, looking fit and trim, was overjoyed to reconnect with so many friends that he hadn't seen in years. After a barbecue at the school, the group headed over to the Holy Cross football game where they were introduced during half time. Tragically, less than two weeks later, on October 23rd, Rudy suffered a fatal massive heart attack while on a golf trip with friends in Florida. And, just like that,

Patty's life was turned upside down, and Rudy's family and friends attempted to come to terms with the loss of a man who was larger than life in everyone's eyes.

For months Patty struggled to find answers to questions that would never be put to rest. She did know one thing for certain: she could not let Rudy's memory die with him. Patty, along with a few of Rudy's brothers from Holy Cross, approached the school to establish a scholarship fund in his name. That same year, a young sophomore and wide receiver at Holy Cross named Tyriek Dodd was experiencing the loss of his dad and role model, Clement Dodd, Jr., from cancer, at the young age of 57. Tyriek's mom, Natalie, confided in Coach Smith that she was unsure how Tyriek could continue attending Holy Cross given the financial strain they were now under. The family soon received news that the Friends of Rudy Krizan had raised the funds necessary to help him continue playing football at Holy Cross for the next three years. And then one day, under sunny skies, and after an overtime win against St. John the Baptist, the Reimerdes and Dodd families came together on the same gridiron where Rudy played. Together they released balloons into the air in tribute to the two men who would be missed, but never forgotten.

As they hugged, Tyriek told Patty, "I have my father and Rudy to play for now; they will always be looking over my shoulder."



Each year the *Friends of Rudy Krizan* meet at Patsy's Pizzeria in Whitestone to toast their old friend and raise funds to grow the scholarship in his name. In 2017, a second recipient of the scholarship, Maxamillion O'Quinn '18, joined Tyriek at the benefit to thank everyone who made their education possible. Tyriek shared that they both felt a lot of responsibility to make them proud of them. "We love you all you're like family, now," he said. The following year, Donte Kenney '19 received the award and Holy Cross senior Ladon Hicks is the most recent beneficiary. Thanks to Patty, and Rudy's dedicated family and friends, his spirit lives on through Maxamillion, Tyriek and Donte who are all pursuing their dream of playing college ball at Stonehill College in Massachusetts.

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In 1961 when Mike's parents, John and Kitty, told him the family would be moving from Greenpoint, Brooklyn, to Queens Village, he was quite upset at having to leave his friends and classmates at St. Anthony's. With his outgoing and congenial nature, he quickly made new friends in the neighborhood and amongst his classmates at Our Lady of Lourdes School. Mike continued to be an Altar Server with the same dedication he had exhibited at his former parish.

Mike's daily routine consisted of school and sports, especially ice hockey. Ever since his mother took him as a toddler with his double-runner skates to Central Park's ice rink and exposed him to watching the NY Rangers on the family's black and white TV, he was hooked. He honed his skating and goalie skills at local rinks and frozen ponds all over Queens, then pulled off what every hockey player wants – their own private rink. Placing wood boards around the perimeter of his backyard he let the hose run until the water reached its sides, then waited for the winter's cold to take care of the rest.



Even at an early age, Mike possessed a highly-developed work ethic. After school, he picked up stacks of the Long Island Press evening edition from their local office, carefully folded and bagged them on the living room floor, then delivered them by bike throughout Queens Village and Bellerose. As a seasonal worker selling pizza and popcorn in the stands at Shea Stadium, he especially enjoyed watching and rooting for the Mets, long before their first World Series win.

While attending Thomas A. Edison High School in Jamaica, Queens, Mike joined the White Plains Plainsmen ice hockey team as goalie and often braved icy, snowy, roads on the drive to practice sessions and games. One highlight of those years he was most proud of was playing a tournament game in his favorite sports arena, Madison Square Garden.

Inheriting a deep love of country from his father, a WWII Navy veteran, Mike became a member of the National Guard and Army Reserve. He took his military duties seriously, but one assignment he particularly looked forward to was serving as MP during the weekend football games at West Point Academy. After his honorable discharge, Mike became Commander of American Legion Post #301 in Queens Village during the late 1980's.

Another attribute inherent in his character was a strong sense of responsibility to the community. When he was not working full-time as a New York State Peace Officer, he found time to be a Red Cross First Aid instructor and Driver/Attendant for the Queens Village-Hollis-Bellerose Volunteer Ambulance Corps. A skilled carpenter, like his father, Mike helped build handicapped ramps for the neighborhood's senior residents.



Eventually, Mike moved on to Assistant Coach/Coach positions with St. Raymond's and Fordham Prep's hockey teams, but always wondered why there was not one team from Queens County in the Catholic High School Hockey League. In 1995, he approached Brother Karl Diemand with ideas and plans to start an ice hockey program at Holy Cross High School. Brother Karl liked what he heard and submitted the proposal to the school's administrators. The Holy Cross Knights Ice Hockey Team was born! Mike loved the sport, loved his years of coaching the team, and was extremely proud of his players every season. "Education first, sports second," he would always say, and he knew that Holy Cross offered the best of both to its students.

In addition to coaching the Knights, Mike became the Commissioner of the Catholic High School Hockey League in 2000. Deciding to concentrate more on his duties as Commissioner, he turned the coaching reins over to his trusted assistant of many years, Kevin Goodspeed, in 2008. He knew his beloved Knights were in good hands.

Family was always first and foremost with Mike. Holidays were important, but Christmas was his favorite. He would plan months in advance and by Thanksgiving he had all his gifts bought and wrapped. In 2008 he started to get things rolling in order to retire at the age of 58, with a combined pension from all his years working for New York State, New York City (as a *Buildings Inspector*) and Military time. As a retiree, he could devote more time to the CHSHL, still be involved with the Knights, and spend summers at his place outside of Saratoga. He looked forward to someday moving upstate and becoming part of the ice hockey scene there.

On December 19, 2008, Mike bade farewell to his co-workers and began his official retirement. Three days later, tragedy struck. While waiting on the entrance ramp to the Laurelton Parkway his car was struck by an out-of-control vehicle. Mike suffered massive internal injuries requiring multiple surgeries and procedures over a two-month period, eventually passing away on February 28, 2009.

Mike's memory continues to live on at Holy Cross through his Hockey Knights and the establishment of "The Michael Mitchell Memorial Scholarship" which is awarded annually to hockey players with financial need.



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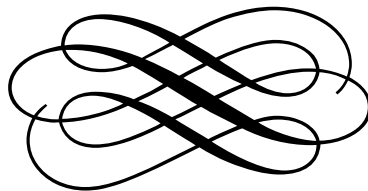
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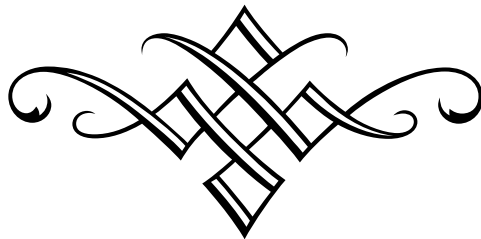


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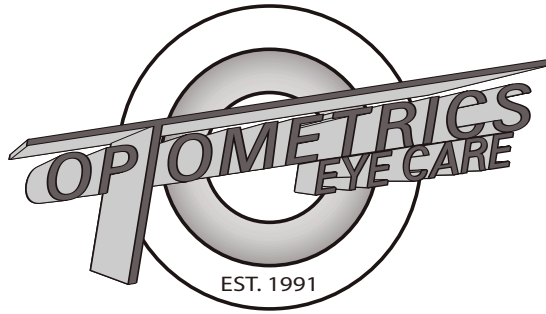


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