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### *Invocation*

### *Welcoming Remarks*

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### *Induction Ceremony – Part 1*

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*~ Buffet Dinner ~*

### *Induction Ceremony – Part 2*

**KEVIN GOODSPEED '97**

**COACH ROBERT GRIFFIN**

### *Presentation of the St. Brother André Medal*

**BROTHER JOSEPH FOX, C.S.C.**

### *Presentation of the Cross and Anchor Awards*

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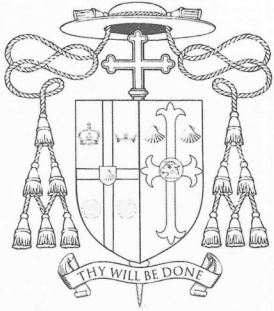
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November 2022

Dear friends of Holy Cross High School,

Congratulations and blessings!

On behalf of the Diocese of Brooklyn please allow me to extend my congratulations on the occasion of Holy Cross High School's 2022 Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner.

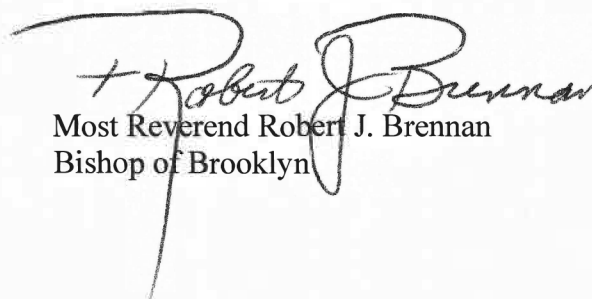
For decades, Holy Cross High School has educated the young minds of so many within our diocese in Brooklyn and in Queens. The esteemed alumni of Holy Cross have always maintained a commendable attachment and loyalty to their school, always proud of their alma mater. This is clearly seen through the lens of the 2022 Hall Fame Inductees.

Congratulations to all of the 2022 Holy Cross High School Hall of Fame Inductees. These dedicated men and women exemplify the integrity, humanity, and excellence that Holy Cross High School represents.

Thank you for the opportunity to extend my congratulations and gratitude to all those who have dedicated themselves to the mission of Holy Cross High School. I also would like to acknowledge the administration, faculty, and staff, for their continued service and commitment to Holy Cross High School and to the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Be assured of my prayers especially during this joyous evening!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan  
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November 12, 2022

Mark Mongelluzzo  
President  
Holy Cross High School  
26-20 Francis Lewis Boulevard  
Flushing, NY 11358-1197

Dear Mr. Mongelluzzo:

Greetings to you and to all the friends and supporters of Holy Cross High School on the occasion of your school's 2022 Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner.

This evening's event gives us a great opportunity to celebrate the success Holy Cross High School has in educating our youth and helping them develop the character and vision they need to make strong contributions to our community, both today and long after they graduate from Holy Cross.

Tonight's event is also a great opportunity to celebrate the outstanding individuals who are being inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame. On behalf of the 2.4 million residents of Queens, "The World's Borough," I offer our congratulations to Weedens E. Blanchard, Anthony D'Andrea, Neil Filomena, Kevin Goodspeed, and Robert Griffin.

I also offer our congratulations to Oswaldo Granja, Alex Guerrero, Gilberto Guerrero, Stephanie Herrera and Jacinto Zavala of the Holy Cross High School Maintenance Department, who are being presented with the prestigious Cross and Anchor Award this evening, and to Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C., who is being awarded the esteemed Saint Brother André Medal.

I hope all those in attendance at tonight's Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner have a wonderful evening. I also wish you and all of the faculty members, staff members, students and friends of Holy Cross High School continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Donovan Richards Jr.  
*President*  
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November 12, 2022

Holy Cross High School  
26-20 Francis Lewis Boulevard  
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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the Holy Cross High School's Annual Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner.

Holy Cross High School graduates young men and women of character and vision who go on to make their families and communities proud. Holy Cross's faculty and staff provide a supportive environment where a love for learning is nurtured and each student is given the opportunity to maximize their own unique potential.

Tonight, you come together at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to pay tribute to distinguished alumni and beloved teachers and mentors. I am pleased to join in congratulating your exceptional honorees – Dr. Weedens E. Blanchard '89; Anthony D'Andrea '59; Willie Dersch '96; Neil Filomena '71; Kevin Goodspeed '97; Coach Robert Griffin; Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C.; and the HCHS Maintenance Department – Oswaldo Granja, Alex Guerrero, Gilberto Guerrero, Stephanie Herrera, and Jacinto Zavala, in memory of Henry Franco. These loyal members of the Holy Cross family remind us of all that can be accomplished when we are committed to education and service for others.

Best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hochul".  
Kathy Hochul  
Governor

## *From the Office of the President*

Dear Holy Cross Family,

Greetings. It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the 2022 Holy Cross Hall of Fame Dinner—my first as president. I look forward to a wonderful evening celebrating Holy Cross, its people and its mission.



I have been attending the Hall of Fame for the better part of twenty years now. Falling as it usually does in the middle of November, I have found it to serve as a sort of precursor or “warm up” for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays soon to come. It is a great way to begin the season—a season of thanksgiving and joy. Such is fitting, for tonight we give thanks for the many good works of our honorees and celebrate with joy their accomplishments and example of service. In finance and education, in public service and sports and right here in our building. I tip my hat to Woody, Anthony, Willie, Neil, Kevin and Coach Griffin; and to the members of the Maintenance Department (Gilberto, Alex, Jacinto, Stephanie, Oswaldo and the late Henry Franco) and to Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C. They have accomplished much, but more importantly, true to the Holy Cross tradition, they have served many and brought hope to a world in need of it.

I happen to believe that I have the best job in Queens. I have the opportunity every day to serve the school that formed me and my brothers, taught us how to speak up and step up, and gave us the hope of Christ; I work with wonderful people who love this institution and, several times a week, I get to meet our alumni and hear their stories. And they are wonderful, inspiring stories. Our young women alumni are just beginning to write theirs, but soon they will add their own chapter. And I, for one, cannot wait.

Tonight’s celebration is an affirmation of all that Holy Cross has done in the now sixty seven years it has existed here on 170th Street. The accomplishments of our alumni honorees are a testament to the success of our shared mission and the critical need to ensure that it continues for years to come. By honoring our maintenance department, we acknowledge the wonderful work they do behind the scenes to deliver the safe and clean learning environment in which we carry out our mission. And by honoring Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C., we honor the vision and faith of the Brothers of Holy Cross who founded our school nearly seventy years ago and have fostered its mission for decades. We owe a great deal to the Brothers, and I am indeed honored to follow in their footsteps.

So thank you for joining us tonight. Let us celebrate with joy. I look forward to a wonderful time.

Yours in the Cross,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Mongelluzzo '92". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark A. Mongelluzzo '92  
President



## *From the Chair*

Dear Alumni and Friends of Holy Cross,

I am honored to welcome you to the 2022 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, those who will receive the Cross and Anchor award and the St. Brother André Medal of Honor.



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,

*Bro. James Branigan CSC*

Brother James Branigan, CSC

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# Hall of Fame Inductees

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 Santo J. Barbarino, Ph.D.  
 Daniel C. Barr '79  
 Daniel A. Bartolomeo '73  
 Gerald Begley  
 Rev. Monsignor Donald T. Bennett '59  
 Raynard Benvenuti '74  
 Dominick Berardi '94 +  
 Anthony Biscione '75  
 Peter Bonventre '63  
 Kenneth N. Bouyer '86  
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 Paul A. Chester '74  
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 Raymond J. Cook '61  
 Thomas F. Costello '59  
 John Crisci '71 +  
 Joseph C. DaProcida, Esq. '81  
 Rev. Monsignor George Deas  
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 Shirley Della Vecchia  
 Christopher DeMarco '80  
 Gino DeMarco '78 +  
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 Brother Karl Diemand, C.S.C. +  
 Ana Diez  
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 Brother John Joseph Donnelly, C.S.C.  
 Brother John William Donoghue  
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 Richard G. Dunphy '72  
 Daniel B. Dwyer '59  
 Joseph A. Eacobacci +  
 Brother Ralph Edmiston, C.S.C.  
 Thomas E. Ehrhardt '81  
 Brother Francis Ellis, C.S.C.  
 Martin R. Feely '60  
 Martin Ferko '61 +  
 Ryan Fitzgerald '93 +  
 Father James F. Fitzpatrick +  
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 James R. Fleming '70  
 R. Scott Flieger '73  
 Father Walter W. Foley  
 Michael Genovese  
 Jack A. Gentile '60  
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 William J. Giannone, Jr. '80  
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 Mark Gibney  
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 Matthew J. Glubiak '85  
 William D. Glubiak '78  
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<b>Monsignor Steven J. Aguggia, J.C.L. '79</b>	<b>Cadet Brandon Terrell Jackson '14 +</b>
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<b>Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.</b>	<b>Lawrence A. Pasini, Esq. '80</b>
<b>Brother Robert Falcone, C.S.C.</b>	<b>Thomas Pugh</b>
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**JAMES SHEA '59**

**RAYMOND STAHL '72**

IN HONOR OF NEIL FILOMENA

**JOHN WALL '59**

IN HONOR OF TONY D'ANDREA

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## WEEDENS E. BLANCHARD, Ed.D. '89

*Higher Education Administrator / Professor/ Mentor*

*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."*

*- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Dr. Weedens (Woody) Blanchard was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in 1971, the eldest of four children. In 1977, Woody's father could sense that the country was heading in the direction of political unrest and decided it was time to leave. Mr. Emmanuel Blanchard, a minister, wanted to give his children a quality education and the opportunity to succeed. He packed up the family and moved to New York to establish citizenship, and start a Church. Although he struggled financially for the first couple of years, he never gave up on the chance to provide a better life for his children. Woody recounts with admiration the burdens his mother and father endured in those early years, though no matter what, they always found a way to provide for him and his siblings.

Woody attended St. Pascal Baylon School in St. Albans, Queens, and went on to make the best life decision he could: attending Holy Cross High School. Although it was not his first choice, he is forever grateful that he was accepted. At the time, Mr. Pallotta was the Music Director, and his appreciation and love for music flourished. While at Holy Cross, Woody was a member of the Jazz Band and Pep Band, and won the Directors Band Award in 1989. He found his passion for music while attending Holy Cross, and received a Music Scholarship to St. John's University, where he would begin his collegiate career.



Woody's first year of college was challenging; between illness and unfortunate circumstances, he ultimately had to drop out to regain his health. Woody recounts this first year as a total wash that took a toll on him, and he began to lose faith in himself and his future. Thankfully, he found two amazing mentors, Dr. Corlisse Thomas and the late Dr. Lez Edmond, who took him under their wing and urged him to continue his studies and not give up. With their support and encouragement, Woody went on to graduate and earned a full-ride scholarship to graduate school.



In 1999 while working full-time in technology, Woody had the opportunity to teach as an adjunct professor at Touro College, where he fell in love with teaching. This opportunity opened a door for him to become an adjunct professor at NYU. At this time, the technology space was changing rapidly, jobs were being outsourced overseas, and unfortunately, Woody faced three separate layoffs. At this time, he began to reflect on his career in technology. He realized that he had a solid connection to teaching, and decided it was time to take a leap of faith and change his career full-time to education. He began working full-time as a Business School teacher for Computer Career Center and was working part-time at NYU in 2001. By 2003 he was back at St. John's University, this time as a University Freshman Advisor; it was then that Woody realized that God wanted him to be in the education space, that this was what he was meant to do.

His career in higher education has opened many doors for him to work on exciting and influential grants with the New York City Department of Education. Some special programs are: New York City Men Teach, which focuses on recruiting men of color to work in the classroom; and College Access for All, which he worked on with Dr. Aliya E. Holmes, partnering with middle schools across the city to encourage young students to start thinking about secondary education and what they want to be when they grow up.



Additionally, Woody mentors young African American males that do not have a father figure in their lives to help them finish school and go to college. Through his higher education experience, he has had the opportunity to be a part of some fantastic educational experiences. He has also had the chance to be mentored by extraordinary people in his career. In addition to the late Dr. Lez Edmond, Dr. Corlisse Thomas, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at Rutgers University-Newark, Dr. Aliya E. Holmes, Associate Professor at St. John's University, Dr. James O'Keefe, Associate Professor at St. John's University and Dr. Andre McKenzie, Vice Provost of Academic Support Services at St. John's University have all had a tremendous impact on Woody's life and helped shape him into the professional he is today.

Woody reconnected with Holy Cross High School in 2020 when then Chairman of the Board, Frank Orzo '64, approached him about membership on the Board. Frank had observed an interview of Woody discussing New York City Men Teach and concluded that the school would benefit greatly from his experience and insight into education. Woody accepted, and shortly thereafter, signed on to be a Holy Cross mentor for Student Sponsor Partners (SSP), an organization that matches mentors with students who face severe obstacles in graduating high school with the skills and confidence they need to succeed. "Serving as an SSP mentor allows me to assist students in helping them prepare for their future." Woody is grateful that God has led him on this new path in life and brought him back to where it all started.

Woody enjoys spending his free time with his two beautiful children, Noah, 17, and Jacqueline, 11. He is thrilled that Noah shares his love for music and actually plays the same trumpet Woody played at Holy Cross! Woody is deeply honored to be inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame. "My induction into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame is a testament of my life that has come full circle and I am sincerely grateful to Holy Cross High School."



## ANTHONY D'ANDREA '59

President

*D'Andrea Inc. / D'Andrea Management Corp. / D'Andrea USA (Retired)*

*"As the inaugural class of Holy Cross High School, four years of "Firsts" empowered us to believe we could accomplish any and all of our goals."*



To truly appreciate the history of Holy Cross, we must pay homage to parents like Theresa D'Andrea, who worked tirelessly to bring this school into existence. Theresa was one of the most involved parents, who worked diligently to raise money and support the effort of bringing Holy Cross High School to Queens. When the D'Andrea family moved to Bayside from Long Island City in the early '50s, she recognized the lack of Catholic High Schools in the area. In September 1955, she was proud to enroll her son in the inaugural class of Holy Cross High School.

When Anthony reflects on the early days of his freshman year at Holy Cross, he recalls the school was still a work in progress – *there was not even varnish on the gym floor* – welcoming 400 young boys who experienced all the “firsts” that Holy Cross had to offer, lettering in Track and Band.

Under the direction and encouragement of Brother Paul Schweyer, the school's first music director, Tony joined the Marching Band, the Concert Band (where he played Clarinet and tenor sax), and the Dance Band, where he was the percussionist. Little did he know that this would be the start of his musical career and even lead him to meet the love of his life, Rosemary, on his way to band practice!

All through high school Tony belonged to a budding four-member rock band called “The Echotones,” two of whom were students at Holy Cross – Tony and his close friend Tom Zminkowski. They became nationally famous during these high school years, signing a record contract with Warwick Records and playing all over the tri-state area. Their four original records on Warwick and Dart labels made the Top 40 list from 1957 to 1961. In fact, the songs were in every Juke Box in the tri-state area. The band played in all the famous venues of the time, including the Apollo Theater. They appeared on Cousin Brucie's show, worked with Allen Freed and Paul Sherman, and even opened for the Everly Brothers. Their song “Born to Love” was included on the cover of Nashville's Music City News as “rising in the charts” in 1957 and in Billboard Magazine through 1961. Their music can still be heard on YouTube today!



Tony's other love was aviation, so in the fall of 1959, he enrolled in Parks College of Aviation at St. Louis University and graduated in 1962 with a BS in Aeronautics. He was on track for a career in aviation management and had started his MBA at the University of Missouri when fate changed his direction. His family's business in New York City - manufacturing guitar and musical instrument accessories - needed him. His father, Tony, had suddenly become ill, and his namesake was called home in the fall of 1962 to help run the business. In 1965, Tony moved the factory from Manhattan to Syosset, Long Island. The Rock & Roll revolution had started, and one of the principal products of D'Andrea Mfg. was guitar picks.



In 1922, in downtown NYC, Tony's grandfather, Luigi D'Andrea, invented the modern-day plastic guitar pick that replaced the hand-made tortoise shell picks used up until the 1920s to play stringed instruments. Luigi had established the world's first factory to commercially produce guitar picks. In the 60s, D'Andrea Mfg. was supplying every music store and group with personalized picks, and with business booming, Tony expanded to a second factory.

D'Andrea produced guitar picks for all the famous guitar manufacturers: Fender, Gibson, Peavey, Martin, etc. In a few years, under Tony's direction, the factory was producing millions of picks a month! All the famous groups of each era - Jazz, Country, and Rock - had their picks made by D'Andrea, including Chet Atkins, Paul McCartney, Chicago, The Eagles, Alabama, Kiss, and even current-day musicians. In fact, Tony ended up reconnecting with Phil Everly and made a line of picks for Everly Music, run by Phil's son, Jason. Over the years, he brought the business to new levels, making guitar cases and hundreds of guitar accessory products, and D'Andrea USA became an international brand. As a true entrepreneur, when he moved manufacturing out of New York State to Pennsylvania in the 90s, he developed the once industrial buildings on Long Island into commercial office buildings. He managed these for 20 years, concurrent with running the manufacturing end of his family dynasty.



Over the course of his five-decade business career, Tony employed and trained hundreds of people and contributed to his community in countless ways, from sponsoring scholarship prizes for young musicians to donating Guitar Care Kits to troops overseas. In addition to jam-packed careers in the music and management businesses, Tony and his wife, Rosemary, raised two wonderful children, Craig and Nicole, who have blessed them with four grandchildren. Craig and his wife Chie reside in Colorado with their son, Nico; Nicole and her husband, John, live in North Carolina with their three accomplished daughters: Yvonne, Natalie, and Vanessa. In 2007, Tony and Rosemary moved from Huntington, Long Island, to the coastal town of Morehead City, North Carolina, to be near them.

Tony managed the music business from North Carolina until its sale in 2012. Finally, in 2017, he sold the office buildings and embraced full retirement at age 77 so that he and Rosemary could enjoy their active seaside community.

He always harkens back to the excellent education and training he received at Holy Cross, especially the leadership of the Brothers, the fellowship of the students, and the overall fun of those high school years. He is proud to support Holy Cross High School in their mission and returns as often as he can to attend reunions where he enjoys the company of his inaugural classmates.



## WILLIE DERSCH '96

Managing Director, WallachBeth Capital, LLC

*"Holy Cross allowed me the opportunity to be myself and grow into who I was becoming. I had great leaders along the way who gave me the support where I needed it."*



Many coaches, faculty and teammates consider Willie Dersch one of the best athletes that ever graduated from Holy Cross High School. During his junior year, he was rated the No. 18 prospect in the country by basketball analyst Bob Gibbons in a class that included many first round draft picks. His accolades were numerous, yet he never flaunted his successes and shares that he still finds the experiences he had surreal.

Willie and his sisters Jennifer and Stephanie grew up in a tight-knit middle class household in Floral Park, Queens. His dad, Ed, was a public school teacher at a middle school in Queens, and his mom, Linda, a former elementary school teacher in Illinois, stayed home with the children until she returned to teaching at St. John's University when they were grown. The Dersch siblings attended public grammar school and Willie entered Floral Park Memorial High School in 7th grade. By 8th grade, he was playing basketball on the Varsity team for Coach Marty Harrison and fully expected to stay through 12th grade. When Willie learned that his coach would be leaving, he was torn about whether he should stay at Memorial, or come to Holy Cross High School and play in the CHSAA league. Having attended summer basketball camp at Holy Cross, Willie was acquainted with the coaches there, and it just so happened their Varsity Basketball Coach, Jim Kerr, lived two blocks away from the Dersch's. "Coach Kerr was without a doubt the catalyst for my choosing Holy Cross, and it was the best decision I made," he says. To help offset tuition expenses, Coach Kerr obtained a paper route for his mom from his side job at the Daily News. His dad would drop him at school on his way to work. "My parents didn't hesitate to make sacrifices for their children, and I will be forever grateful that they supported my decision to attend Holy Cross."

When Willie arrived at Holy Cross, he had the opportunity to play on the Varsity team as a freshman, but was somewhat intimidated by the prospect. "I was able to have more of a leadership role on the JV team and had time to improve my game before playing up my sophomore year," he remarks. The next three years were a whirlwind of activity. By junior year, the 6'5" guard was averaging 21.5 points per game and hitting 44% of his 3-point attempts. Legendary coaches like Dean Smith and Mike Krzyzewski from the teams he followed growing up were now actively recruiting him. Willie knew he wanted to play in the ACC and ultimately chose the University of Virginia over Duke and Carolina. He signed with the Cavaliers in November of his senior year. The following season did not disappoint. Among the highlights were being named Mr. New York Basketball and making the Parade All American Team in 1996. After breaking the record for career points at Holy Cross his senior year, Willie participated in the McDonald's All American game, sharing the West boys roster with the best of the best, including the late Kobe Bryant. "Kobe destroyed everybody that entire week," he recalls. When his Holy Cross record was broken by Sylven Landesberg in 2008, Willie attended that game to congratulate him and meet his parents. "Scoring records

are meant to be broken," he says good-naturedly.

As a 6'6" guard/forward at Virginia, Willie had a pretty good year as a freshman, averaging 13 minutes and 2.8 points a game. Going into the following season, Jones called Willie the team's most-improved player but his performance that season was disappointing. He made up for it as a junior when his teammates voted him Captain, and he played 31 minutes per game, scoring 10.2 points on average. Unfortunately, due to a coaching transition, Willie's senior year as Captain was not what he anticipated, as Coach Gillen played his recruits and Willie sat on the bench. It did not change his perspective about life though, especially after going through a near death experience with a high school classmate and friend. "Even though basketball at Virginia didn't pan out exactly as I wanted it to, the incredible people I met along the way, and the opportunities I had there, set me up for the next chapter of my life."

Once the season was over, Willie focused on what he would like to do after graduation. He always knew he wanted to pursue a career in Finance on Wall Street. In 2000 he was hired by Citigroup to work on the floor of the American Stock Exchange as an institutional derivatives clerk. The excitement of competitive trading in the pit felt like a natural fit after playing in the top sports arenas with some of the most dominant athletes of all time. After two years he left Citigroup for an entrepreneurial opportunity as a partner for a small brokerage trading firm on the American Stock Exchange called FM Brokerage. When NYSE Euronext acquired AMEX, he and his business partners decided it was time to move, and started a trading firm with more breadth. He merged with Michael Wallach and David Beth, industry veterans, and formed WallachBeth Capital LLC. He helped launch the firm in 2008 and became a partner. "As a smaller business you experience more highs and lows, and you have to learn not to live beyond your means. But it is also fun and exciting and it's been a great ride, overall," he says.

On Willie's 25th birthday, he met his wife, Ivonne, through her colleague who was a friend of his from Virginia. They married in 2006 and settled in Tribeca to raise their family of four: Diego, 14, Lucia, 11, Joaquin, 8 and Alba, 5. After 22 years in New York City, the family recently purchased a home in Garden City so their children would have more space to grow and develop. He has since reminisced frequently about his time at Holy Cross, as he runs into former coaches, faculty, and friends on Long Island. As far as the future is concerned, Willie says he will continue working hard but hopes to have more time to spend with his family, travel and play golf. He has some volunteer projects that are very important to him. He sits on the board of Steady Buckets, an organization that provides an inclusive,

high quality basketball and leadership development program free of charge for kids 4-18 who have no place to learn those skills. Willie has also accepted a position on the board of Rising Stars, whose mission is to utilize the game of basketball to promote education, reinforce values, and provide youth with a safe environment to play, learn and grow.

Willie is looking forward to his induction into the Hall of Fame of a school that had such a tremendous impact on him. "Holy Cross allowed me the opportunity to be myself and grow into who I was becoming. I had great leaders along the way who gave me the support where I needed it."





## NEIL FILOMENA, CLU CHFC '71

*Insurance and Financial Advisor*

*"Follow the Cross – build your bridges in life with fine stones and you can always reach back to find the right destination."*



Service, family, and friends are a constant theme in Neil's life. His parents, Joseph and Kathryn, raised the Filomena family on Robinson Street in Flushing near Kissena Park. His father was in the printing business and became the printing teacher at Thomas Edison, where he worked for 24 years. His mother was an administrator at Queensborough Community College. During his adolescent years, Neil attended St. Mary's Nativity Grammar School in Flushing. When it came time to select a High School, Neil decided to follow his older brother, Stephen '66, to Holy Cross. Four years later, his younger brother, Joe '75, continued the legacy when he enrolled at Holy Cross High School while his youngest brother, Michael, excelled at Cardozo High School.

Neil created many strong bonds with teachers at Holy Cross, and forged friendships with classmates that continue to this day, nearly 50 years later. He recalls Mr. Pizzani leaving him with two very important pieces of advice: always use common sense when reflecting on situations and before making decisions; and always do the right thing for others, no matter what. He began implementing them at Holy Cross and continued to do so in all his future endeavors.

The influence of his teacher and peers inspired Neil to become active in his parish and community. He coached baseball at St. Mary's and for community teams near his home. In addition, he developed a drive and sense of work ethic delivering the Long Island Star Journal and working at the Cresthaven Club in Whitestone. After graduating from Holy Cross, Neil attended York College, majoring in Community Health. He earned money for tuition by teaching physical education at St. Robert's parish, while continuing to coach. Neil found enjoyment interacting with people when he began bartending. He worked behind the stick at Vinny's (now known as Millard Filmores), The Auburndale, Creighton and Grays, and Recovery Room before becoming owner/proprietor of The Peanut Gallery - "Home of the Champions" near St. John's University. Mingling with customers motivated Neil to develop skill sets that would become invaluable for years to come.



With just a few credits short of a diploma, Neil left York College to start a career in the insurance industry to support his family. He realized shortly after that completing his degree would not only demonstrate to his family the importance of hard work and education, but would also improve his knowledge and ability to serve and help his clients in the insurance industry. Neil has no doubt that the perseverance to pursue his education led to a successful run of 42 years in the insurance industry that began in 1980. Although obtaining this degree did not always come easy for him, a very special professor advised Neil that he should never be afraid to ask for assistance when necessary – a motto he lives by to this day.



To advance his career, Neil earned certifications that would enable him to stay competitive and up-to-date in his field. In 1984, Neil received the Chartered Life Underwriter designation from the American College and the following year he received his Chartered Financial Consultant designation. In 1987, he earned the Certified Financial Planner Certificate from Adelphi University. Shortly thereafter, he earned the Registered Health Underwriter and Registered Employee Benefit Consultant designation from the American College. Neil received recognition by Insurance Sales Magazine as a New York company's Top Field Associate for two consecutive years. He was also a life and qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table, qualifying for the National Quality Award on several occasions. Neil also maintained membership in the National Association of Insurance Financial Advisors, and also served locally as an education chairman, membership chairman, and public service vice president. In fact, his local association distinguished him as their Advisor of the Year. Throughout his career, he placed over \$100,000,000 of life insurance; and Neil has qualified for the Leaders Club for John Hancock, Connecticut Mutual, Franklin Life, The Guardian, Penn Mutual, Lincoln Financial, and Canada Life. When asked why he has enjoyed working in the insurance industry for so long, Neil said, "It has been my biggest joy to be able to help protect my clients and their future by listening to their needs and providing them with the right choices and options for both them, their families, and their business."

Neil belongs to, and has been active in, numerous industry associations. He is a past President of the County Seat Kiwanis Club in Mineola and has been involved in the Big Brothers organization (recognized as Big Brother of the Year in Nassau County). In recognition of his charitable work, Life's WORC honored Neil as Man of the Year and named their Deer Park home in his honor. Neil is currently an active member of the distinguished Edward S. Smith Mineola Lions Club.



While Neil excelled in his education and career, it is essential to note that he never forgot the importance of shaping our youth. Therefore, throughout his years, he engaged in coaching kids in CYO baseball at St. Mary's. Neil was also an avid football player and had extensive coaching experience. He coached for the College Point Athletic Club for a number of years and was also head JV football coach at St. Francis Prep. He also served as head varsity football coach at Christ the King, as well as an assistant football coach for three years at Columbia University. In his community, Neil has sponsored high school basketball tournaments, and several little league baseball, soccer, roller hockey and softball teams.

Although Neil continues to travel the country servicing his insurance clients, he eventually left coaching to take up golf, one of his favorite pastimes. He resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida, home to the PGA Village and St. Lucie Trail, and as a proud Queens native enjoys watching the New York Mets during their spring training, just minutes down the road from his home. For the last several years, Neil has hosted Holy Cross alumni for a reunion at PGA Village and St. Lucie Trail after one of the games. He also contributes PGA resort packages to the annual Holy Cross High School Golf Classic.

Neil's accomplishments throughout his years would not have been possible without his parents, brothers, or his education and mentors from Holy Cross and York College, but most importantly, not without the support of his loving wife, Holly, and children, Neil Jr., Kristin, James, Shane, and Valerie. His greatest joy is spending time with his family and his promotion to the best title of all - Grandpa - to his seven grandchildren: Camden, Luke, Logan, Aubrey, Jordan, Jameson, and Kennedy.





## KEVIN GOODSPEED '97

*Detective, New York City Police Department*

*"Holy Cross was a school that instilled character, discipline and virtues that last a lifetime."*



On the evening of April 20, 2012, Detective Kevin Goodspeed and two other detectives assigned to the 105th Precinct Detective Squad were seeking a man in connection with a non-fatal shooting that occurred on April 8th in Jamaica, Queens. When the detectives spotted the suspect and approached his car, he turned and fled on foot. While in pursuit, the suspect pulled a firearm from his waistband and raised it in their direction. Detective Goodspeed fired his service weapon, striking the man who sustained a non-life threatening injury. He was later identified as the perpetrator in the April 8th shooting, and his firearm was subsequently linked to the shooting. For his outstanding personal bravery that likely saved the lives of his fellow detectives, Detective Goodspeed was awarded the New York Police Department's Medal of Valor in 2016. While this may be the highest recognition he received in his nearly 20 years on the job, it pales in comparison to the admiration and respect he has cultivated among the hockey players and their parents from Holy Cross High School.

Kevin was born in Yorkville, on the upper east side of Manhattan, and moved to Electchester, in Queens, when he was seven. His dad, Kevin Goodspeed, Sr., was a union electrician, and his mom, Linda Goodspeed, taught at PS 20 in Flushing, Queens. Kevin attended Parsons Jr. High School and his younger sister, Kerry, attended Holy Family School in Fresh Meadows. When it came time to choose a high school, Kerry opted for The Mary Louis Academy and Kevin enrolled at Holy Cross. Kevin liked the small school environment at Holy Cross as well as the variety of athletic programs.



As a freshman, Kevin played baseball and football; however, his passion was hockey. He, and many of his friends, played roller hockey for College Point and thought there would be a lot of interest in an ice hockey program at Holy Cross. He approached the Athletic Director, Brother Karl Diemand, C.S.C., and pitched the idea. "Brother Karl told me if I could get 40 names by lunchtime, he would give us the green light," Kevin recalls. They started as a club team in 1994-1995 and were non-league the following year. In 1997-1998, under the direction of Coach Mike Mitchell, Holy Cross won their first Varsity "A" Championship.

In retrospect, Kevin recalls Holy Cross as very strict, with Brother James Branigan, C.S.C. at the helm as Principal, and Joe Giannuzzi '65, doling out discipline in his unique way as Dean of Students. "Holy Cross had a reputation as a powerhouse for sports at that time, and many spectators turned out to watch the games at Iceland and the old Flushing Meadows Ice Rink. There was tremendous school spirit," he says. His math teacher, Terence Tarpey, Sr. '59, and Coach Stan Aufieri were among his biggest influencers as a student. They all represented the Holy Cross man and he admired their character and dedication to their job as instructors at Holy Cross.



After graduation, Kevin attended St. John's University for two years before taking a job in construction and continuing his studies in night school, enabling him to acquire the 60 credits he needed to join the New York City Police Department in 2002. He loved his job, especially the ability to work as an anti-crime officer in Jackson Heights, Queens. Kevin served as a Detective at the 105 Detective Squad, which serves the easternmost portion of Queens. He was promoted to Detective 2nd Grade in 2015, and Detective 1st Grade in 2020.

In a curious twist of fate, it just so happened that Kevin's former hockey coach at Holy Cross, Mike Mitchell, lived across the street from the 105th Precinct where Kevin worked. In 2006, Mike approached Kevin about helping him coach the team so that he could concentrate more on his duties as Commissioner of the CHSHL. After a disappointing season in 2006-2007, the Knights were relegated to the "C" Division, where they dominated (16-0), winning the division title and regaining their Division "B" status. By this time, Kevin had taken over the reins as head coach and the team went on to win the first of three consecutive CHSHL championships in 2007-2008. The 2008-2009 season's success, however, was bittersweet. The team received devastating news just hours before the first Battle of the Boulevard playoff series against St. Francis Prep on February 28, 2009. Their beloved former coach succumbed to injuries he sustained in a car accident the previous December. "The first thing we did was get together and thank Mike. He was looking down on us, no doubt about it. He would have loved to see that game," Kevin says. Heading into the third period with a 4-1 deficit, the Knights rallied, and swept the best-of-three championship series to win the "B" title for the first time since 2004-2005. With Coach Mitchell very much on the minds of the team after the game, the players met in the locker room and quietly prayed before the celebration began.

Now in his 16th year, Kevin continues to coach the Holy Cross Hockey team, earning numerous accolades from his players and their parents, who he considers family. "I stay in touch with my players and try to make it to their games when I can," he says. "Some of them have joined the NYPD, so I see them pretty regularly." Mrs. Natalya Keir expressed the impact Kevin had on her son, Michael Brienza '20, and doubtless many others. "You win some, and you lose some. Coach Kevin taught my son how to do both gracefully. He is a powerful role model in my child's life. Great leaders create great leaders. I am thankful to him for teaching Michael how to be courageous in the face of fear and adversity. I hope he knows how much we appreciate him."

Kevin keeps fit off-duty training for races like the Tunnel to Towers run that pays homage to the firefighters, law enforcement officers, and thousands of civilians who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. In 2005 he was among the volunteers who traveled to Louisiana to help build houses for residents after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Currently assigned to the Queens South Homicide Squad, 107th Precinct, Kevin is frequently dispersed to the Bronx to assist with the exorbitant number of homicides and serious assault cases that plague that borough. As for future plans, he would like to retire to spend more time with his wife, Stacey, and their children, Melissa, 13, and Dylan, 7.

Regarding his Hall of Fame induction, Kevin remarked "It's truly an honor to be inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame. When you look at the names enshrined before you, it's a privilege to be named alongside the men and women honored by this great institution."

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## COACH ROBERT GRIFFIN

Former Holy Cross Varsity Football Coach  
(1963-1965)

*"I was blessed with great players in a very competitive high school football league and am grateful to each and every member of the team for the part they played in our success."*



Born and raised in Milford, Connecticut, Bob was the youngest of five children by 14 years. His dad, Edward, was a WWI Navy veteran. He then was a clerk-accountant, and later in his career he was a Tax Examiner for the State of Connecticut. Once Bob entered Kindergarten, his mom, Kathern, went to work at Arnold College as a receptionist and phone operator. She also was the Registrar of Voters in Milford 1947-1967. When she was 8 years-old, she and her family, who were living in San Francisco, experienced the 1906 earthquake.

Robert Griffin's storied coaching career began in 1963 at Holy Cross High School after he received a call from then Principal, Brother Josephat Chmielewski, who was looking to recruit a Head Coach for their football team. At the time, Bob was a quarterback for the Black Knights in Ansonia, having graduated from Southern Connecticut University where he also played quarterback. "I took a ride down to Queens," he recalls, "and came away with the impression that it was a pretty good league. By the time I arrived back home, Brother Josephat had called to tell me the job was mine." Shortly after, his mom ran into a Milford neighbor, Mrs. Ellis, and they were surprised to learn that both of their children would be at Holy Cross. Brother Francis Ellis was a welcome sight when Bob arrived in Flushing!

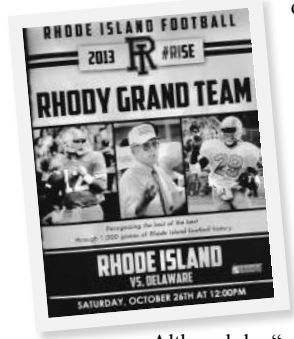


Coach Griffin attributes his debut season in 1963 to beginner's luck, and a team well-drilled in the pre-season. Chaminade had reigned over the league for three years before the Holy Cross '63 team defeated them 11-8 at Memorial Field to win the school's first CHSFL championship. That year the Knights won "The Crusader Award", the highest football honor awarded among the Catholic schools in NY and NJ. In a testament to his leadership, Bob was also named CHSFL Coach of the Year in 1963 and 1965.



After a second not-so-stellar season in 1964 - which led Bob to think that perhaps he might be more suited to selling insurance - the 1965 team, led by Captains Harris, Keneally and Nash, finished the season with an overall record of 7-1, equaling the 1963 Championship record, and won the school's second CHSFL championship! In 1965, Bob assumed additional roles as Director of Athletics, Assistant Track Coach, and taught some physical education and freshman science classes.

While Bob considers himself fortunate to have worked with Brother Paul Rahaim, Brother Francis Ellis and many other fine colleagues at Cross, by 1966 he began seeking opportunities to coach on the collegiate level. He passed up a position as Assistant Coach at Hofstra to assume that role at the University of Rhode Island. He was at URI for four years before leaving to spend a year as Head Coach at Bishop Hendricken High School where Brother Francis Ellis was Principal, prior to the Brothers leaving the high school in 1971. From 1971-1975, Bob coached football at Idaho State University, first as Assistant Coach, then Head Coach, for 4 years. He had two 7-3 seasons. In 1975 he was named AFCA Kodak Region 7 Coach of the Year (Rocky Mountain/Big Sky).



Bob landed back at URI as Head Coach where he remained for 17 years. Under his tenure, the URI team were Yankee Conference Champions in 1981 (first title since 1957), and again in 1984 and 1985. In 1984 and 1985, URI won the Lambert Cup as top 1AA team in the East, and was ranked nationally as the #2 1AA team. Bob received personal recognition as the AFCA Kodak Region 1 (East) Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1985. He was let go in 1992 after a couple of bad years, and was somewhat consoled years later when the President who oversaw his demise remarked during an interview that firing the football coach "was the worst move I ever made." Bob was subsequently inducted into the URI Hall of Fame in 1995.

After leaving URI Bob accepted a Head Coach position in Berlin, Germany, returning to the States in 1995 to take an Assistant Coach position at Syracuse where the team won three of four Big East Championships. He had the opportunity to coach in the Gator, Liberty, Fiesta and Orange Bowls. "We beat Michigan in the Big House, beat Clemson in the Gator Bowl, lost to Oklahoma in Norman, and finished Don McNabb's final home game with a 66-13 beating of the dreaded Miami Hurricanes."

Although he "retired" from Syracuse in 1998, he took an assistant coach position in 2000 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA (Offensive Coordinator and QB Coach) where he coached until 2005. He then spent the next several football seasons assisting at URI, Nauset HS (MA), and Westerly HS (RI).

Bob has received many accolades over the years, but his greatest achievement, he claims, was marrying his wife, Rosanne. They met in college, and recently celebrated their 58th Anniversary. "Words cannot describe what she means to me and our family. She dealt with the emotional highs and lows of my coaching career, all the while raising our three children: Michael (Anne), Garden City, NY; Kevin (Jen) Scituate, MA/Phoenix, AZ; and Amy (Tim) Roy, Westerly, RI. We have also been blessed with seven wonderful grandchildren."

He credits Holy Cross as being the cornerstone of his coaching career and is deeply honored to be inducted into the 2022 Hall of Fame. "I was blessed with great players in a very competitive high school football league, and am grateful to each and every member of the team for the part they played in our success."



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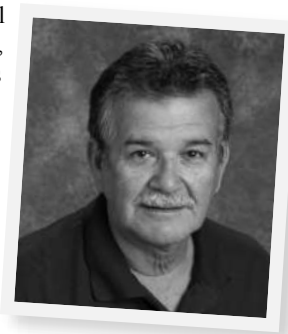
Early in April 1954, work began on the construction of the first Catholic High School for boys in Queens. In the fall of 1955, 580 boys registered as members of the first Freshman Class. The building was near completion, and students were greeted upon arrival with a green mimeographed bulletin that began, “*Students are not to interfere with construction....*,” and closed with, “*Gym classes will start in about three weeks, or as soon as gym floors and lockers are finished.*” When the contractors left, the responsibility for ensuring that the facilities were available for use and consistently maintained in a safe and clean condition fell to the Holy Cross High School Maintenance Department.

Many years have passed since the school opened, but what has remained a constant is the commitment and dedication of the maintenance team. They work tirelessly behind the scenes of every event and ensure all equipment is functioning and up-to-speed. They keep the halls, walls, lockers, and floors pristine and tackle day-to-day repairs and upkeep on furniture, plumbing, fixtures, and outdoor landscaping. They work with outside vendors to hire and contract for larger repairs and renovations and are always available to faculty and staff to service their immediate needs on a daily basis and with a smile.

We are proud to express our gratitude to these keepers of the keys, our current maintenance team, in Memory of Henry Franco.

### GILBERTO GUERRERO

Having Gilberto on-premises is to rest assured that everything inside and outside the school building will be running like a well-oiled machine. Working part-time at Holy Cross since 1976, Gilberto joined Holy Cross full-time in 1989. His work ethic and dependability were key to his eventually assuming leadership of the department. In 2018, Gilberto resigned to spend more time visiting his family in Ecuador and enjoying time off. After Henry’s passing in 2020, Holy Cross asked Gilberto to return once again to oversee the Maintenance Department, and we are tremendously grateful. Along with his wife, Leticia, Gilberto resides in Deer Park, Long Island. The Guerrero’s raised 6 children: Alex (50), Kenya (48), Erika (42), Andrea (27), Diana (23), and Gilbert, Jr. (22). Gilberto has many great memories from over the years and remarks, “I am most grateful for the maintenance crew who works with me daily; without their support, I would not be able to provide our standard of service at Holy Cross. The entire Holy Cross staff is like family to me and wonderful to work with.”



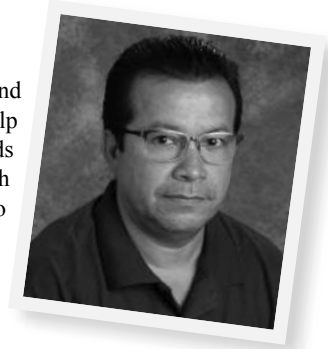
### OSWALDO GRANJA

Oswaldo began his time at Holy Cross in 1989 as part of the cleaning staff, working with Henry Franco on the late afternoon/evening shift. Along with his wife Sandra, the Granja’s reside in Woodside, Queens, and have one daughter, Cynthia (30). You will usually find Oswaldo after 3:00 pm cleaning the classrooms, offices, and sweeping the hallways, listening to music with his headphones on. Oswaldo ensures the building is secure after everyone departs and secures it for the night. Oswaldo enjoys the fact that he is responsible for “leaving the School neat and orderly for the next day.”



**ALEX GUERRERO**

Gilberto's son, Alex, came on board in 2017. Alex resides nearby in Bayside, Queens, and has two children. Alex, Jr. (22) and Melanie (20). Alex's bright smile and sense of humor help keep the atmosphere around the building enjoyable. Besides many other duties, Alex spends much of his time ensuring that the cafeteria is in tip-top shape for the students throughout each day. His favorite experience at Holy Cross was the time spent working with Henry Franco, who provided him with valuable guidance throughout the years.



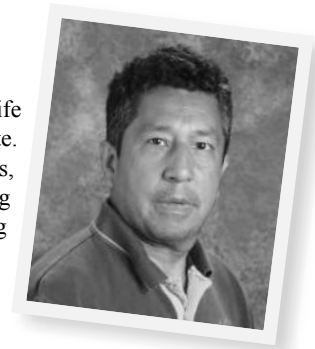
**STEPHANIE HERRERA**

The newest member of the Maintenance Department, Stephanie, began working at Holy Cross in 2020 after the school went co-ed. Stephanie and her husband, Robert, reside in the Bronx. She enjoys her daily interactions with faculty, staff, and students and finds the atmosphere of the building to be very friendly and caring. Although she is the lone female on the team, Stephanie finds it comfortable working with all her male counterparts.



**JACINTO ZAVALA**

Jacinto has been with Holy Cross since 2001. Living locally in Flushing, Queens, with his wife Connie, the Zavala's raised two children, Diana (31) and Kevin (25), a 2015 Holy Cross graduate. Jacinto enjoys painting and is largely responsible for maintaining the fresh look of our hallways, classrooms, and gymnasium. Jacinto's favorite part about working at Holy Cross is interacting with the kids. Students will often find him after school near the vending machines, dispensing spare change he found during the course of his work so they can purchase a snack or a drink.



**IN MEMORY OF**

**HENRY FRANCO**



Henry initially began working at Holy Cross in 1989, taking over the responsibilities of the cleaning contract from his father, Ivan, who serviced the school for many years as an outside vendor. When Gilberto Guerrero retired in 2018, Henry Franco joined the staff as head of the maintenance team. Henry was a pillar of our school community and was always quick with a smile or a helping hand. He brightened the lives of all who were fortunate to have met him. A former Marine, Henry was a man of integrity and respect who cherished his family. Henry passed away on April 15, 2020 after succumbing to COVID-19. He will forever be in the hearts of his family and friends and the Holy Cross community, especially the students who benefit from the scholarship established in his memory by the Jimmy Quinn family, Class of 1980.





## BROTHER JOSEPH FOX, C.S.C.

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*“Be willing to step into the unknown.”*



Brother Joseph was born on April 15, 1935 in Sugar Grove, Ohio, to devout Christian parents, Henry and Marie Fox. He and his twin sister, Joann, were the youngest of their eight children (*including a second set of twins!*), all educated by the Dominican Sisters at St. Mary Elementary and High School in Lancaster. Family life centered round the activities of their parish, St. Joseph Church. Brother Joseph has fond memories of himself and all his siblings participating in the May Crowning Ceremony and banking the fire in the church furnace with his dad in the winter. One of his most notable recollections is ringing the church bell to announce to the village that World War II was over when he was eight years old.

In junior high and high school, Brother Joseph worked at his dad’s auto repair shop, Fox’s Garage, after school. He would pump gas and grease cars, and, on occasion, help repair auto engines. “It seemed that when I put the car engine back together I always had one or two parts left over. Needless to say, I didn’t last long at that job.”

Brother Joseph was very close to his twin, Joann, and they participated together in many plays and musicals, as well as the school choir. After high school graduation, they parted ways when Joann enrolled at the Mount Carmel School of Nursing in Ohio, and Brother Joseph headed to Watertown, Wisconsin to join the Brothers of Holy Cross. He was introduced to the religious community through a cousin, Brother Melanus Fox, and life in service to the Church very much appealed to him. After randomly selecting “cooking” as the work he would like to do on the application, his first assignment after Novitiate training was at Holy Cross High School in Flushing where he spent a year cooking for the 14 Brothers who worked at the school. A highlight of that time was attending the Yankee game in 1956 when Don Larsen pitched a no-run, no-hit error to beat the Dodgers in the World Series!



In 1957, Brother Joseph was transferred to Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, where he spent two years cooking for the 32 Brothers of Holy Cross stationed there. He further honed his cooking skills at the Sacred Heart Military Academy in Wisconsin, which later relocated to Indiana as the LeMans Academy.



His role changed dramatically in 1969 when he was assigned to the Provincial Treasurers Office in Notre Dame where he was in charge of accounts payable and data processing for all the high schools in the Midwest Province, and the General Administration in Rome. He attended Holy Cross College in Notre Dame to prepare him for work that involved foreign currency exchange. In 1974 he was reassigned to Archbishop Hoban High School to assist the Business Office of the school. He was also tasked with extracurricular assignments including moderator for the sky club, backpacking club and wilderness experience. Off campus field trips involved hiking and camping in the mountains of Pennsylvania or the hills of West Virginia, and student tour trips in Europe. Back

on campus he would drive the girls’ soccer team to all of their away games. “There was a unique spirit there which is hard to explain. It encompassed the entire community – parents, students, faculty – and was just very special. The students were respectful, yet challenging, and their parents were extremely supportive.”

In August of 1982, Brother Joseph volunteered to go to the Archdiocese of Anchorage Alaska, a new apostolate for the Brothers of Holy Cross. His job was to travel with fellow Brothers to all 17 parishes of the Archdiocese to set up a Youth Ministry office in each parish. Once established, they conducted retreats and leadership workshops and held college fairs to expose their Catholic population to Catholic College Education in the lower forty-eight. Brother Joseph also ran summer camps for boys and girls, and hosted groups of single men and women for prayer and retreats. He was also appointed Chaplain for the Catholic Boy Scouts of America that entailed spending retreats in tents in sub-zero weather.



Back at Archbishop Hoban High School in 1985, Brother Joseph Fox was tasked with developing a Community Service Program that would ultimately involve the entire student body. He was also assigned to take over the Admissions Office and he juggled both positions until the next school year when he worked full-time recruiting students for the school. “The job was taxing, but very rewarding,” he says.

Brother Joseph was named Religious Superior and Director of Holy Cross Brothers Center in Notre Dame, Indiana in 1991, overseeing meetings, social events, retreats, renewal programs, Jubilees and other activities for the Midwest Province with a membership of over 500 Brothers. He served on the board of Holy Cross Children Services, and served as Master of Ceremonies for any religious service held with Cardinal Maida or other Bishops as head celebrant, an operation that encompassed 32 homes spread over the State of Michigan. Brother Joseph especially enjoyed this position as it gave him the space to be very creative.



In 1999, the Brothers started the first stages of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, a continuing care retirement community, which currently serves over 200 residents. Brother Joseph is at the helm as Religious Superior and is Rector for St. Joseph Chapel located on campus. He takes care of the day-to-day running of the Chapel, including daily Mass, weddings, baptisms and funerals and utilizes his creative skills decorating the lobby of André Place monthly, and for special occasions. He also manages sales of 500+ Notre Dame football tickets for the Brothers including those auctioned at the annual Holy Golf Classic and is Chairman of Holy Cross Village Foundation Board.

Holy Cross High School is honored to bestow the St. Brother André Medal on Brother Joseph Fox, C.S.C. who has embodied the zeal and passion to love and serve the people of God that is the fundamental mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

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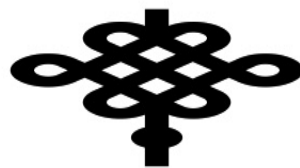
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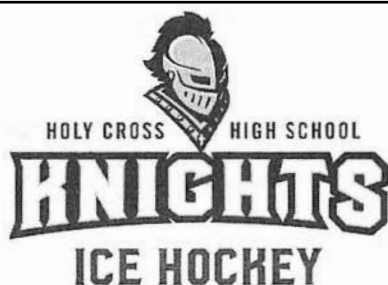
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*Jimmy Licato (Vikings)*





**HALL OF FAME INDUCTION** recognizes individuals who have excelled in exemplifying the spirit of Holy Cross. They will have demonstrated a significant level of achievement in one or more areas of endeavor. They will have exhibited, through their philanthropy and volunteerism to Holy Cross and their community, a commitment that reflects the service philosophy of the school.

**THE CROSS AND ANCHOR AWARD** is named for the inspirational symbol and motto, *Ave Crux Spes Unica – Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope*, bestowed upon the Congregation of Holy Cross by its founder, Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau, C.S.C. It 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. The Saint Brother André Medal is presented 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 High School in making God known, loved and served.

