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Holy Cross Academy - A Private School Loyal to the Magisterium

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Continued Growth as Vision Unfolds

Opening day 2003 revealed Holy Cross Academy's largest enrolled student body ever in the six year history of the junior-senior high school. Sixteen delightful incoming seventh graders bring the total enrolled to over 60 - but it's not all about numbers. HCA remains focused on the vision of offering an excellent education in an ideal environment, and dedicated to the formation of the *whole* person, paying particular attention to the intellectual, spiritual and physical dimensions.

The purpose of education is tied to the purpose of every person - to know, love and serve God and to ultimately be happy with Him. Love of God and neighbor naturally springs from realizing what Our Lord has done for us - His Love for us is so great that He became one of us and wants to be with us for eternity. This is a cause for great joy - to be personally called by Christ to be His brother and an heir to all the wonderful things our Father has prepared for us!

Everything else builds upon this truth. What we hope to instill in the students of Holy Cross Academy is not just knowledge, not just facts, not just a curriculum, but true joy and a radical desire to be holy, to be close to Christ and His Church, and to spread this Good News everywhere out of love for our neighbor.

And if our students have the best Math Regents scores in the district and an awesome soccer team - well, that's a nice bonus.

- Dan Miller

HCA Trustees President



New faculty member and local entrepreneur Brian Howell enthralls his Earth Science students. Mr. Howell, who also teaches English, Latin Intro, and Biology was recently featured on NPR radio discussing the science of beekeeping. (The Beeman Candle Co. www.beemancandles.com)

Commencement 2003

Holy Cross Academy held its second commencement exercises and Mass on Friday, June 27, 2003. Graduating were Kateri Tiller (left), Andrew Maciag and Heather Ackerman, all of whom are currently enrolled in college.



Quick Notes ...

- ◆ Huge Cash Raffle - Nov. 7 HURRY! (Please note date correction)
- ◆ Smart Shopper books on sale now
- ◆ Hayrides, Bake Sale, Face-Painting at Wal*Mart Oneida, Fri-Sun, Oct. 24-26.
- ◆ Ball Field Construction - If you have heavy equipment or would like to help build the field, please let us know.
- ◆ Tuition and Donation transactions, Raffle tickets and other offers now available online at the HCA website: www.holycrossacademy.com



Hayrides, Face-Painting at Wal*Mart, Oct. 24-26

Ray Baughman paints a dragon & preschoolers Madeline and Elizabeth Roberts pick out pumpkins. Everyone had a great time viewing the animals at the first annual Fall Festival at HCA. Come on out to Wal*Mart in Oneida Fri. and Sat. for more face-painting and baked goodies! Also, Wal*Mart will be donating half the Hayride proceeds to HCA.



Memorial Fund Honors Lorraine McDermott

The generous family of Lorraine McDermott has established a memorial fund in her name designed to support some of the special activities and purchases at HCA. The desire of the family is to benefit the entire student body and faculty and to enhance the educational and social experience of all. We are so thankful and ask everyone to keep Lorraine and her family in our prayers.

Baskets, Wreaths, Candles & Trees

Make this a wonderful Christmas! Soon we will be taking orders for 100% pure beeswax Advent candles, beautiful fruit baskets and handcrafted wreaths. And once again we will be offering perfect Christmas trees at our sale in December. Watch for more information, coming soon.

Youth Group

HCA's high school youth group has many activities planned for the coming year including works of mercy in the community, prayer visits to the abortion clinics, fun social events and lunches. The Youth Group is an ideal way to put into practice the lessons learned in the classroom.

Huge Cash Raffle Drawing Nov. 7

HURRY! Time is running out on your opportunity to win up to \$9,250 in cash prizes, plus many door prizes will be awarded at the drawing party. Odds are 1:20 of AT LEAST doubling your money. And the best part is that your \$50 donation per ticket helps HCA! **Friday Nov. 7 at 7:00 at HCA.**

Music Program Expands

Instrumental music lessons and small ensembles have begun this year under the direction of Cathy Thielke. The squeaking and honking is slowly transforming into dulcet tones and melodies right before our very ears. Deb Guarneiri oversees the music program at HCA and soon we will be adding drama. Watch for vocal and instrumental groups coming to a parish near you! **ALSO:** Please consider donating any used instruments. Some students cannot afford renting or purchasing.

Are You a Smart Shopper?

This year's Smart Shopper discount coupon booklets are bigger and better than ever. The book pays for itself after just a few uses, you get a free magazine subscription (for a limited time), plus your purchase provides a great benefit to Holy Cross. Send the response form or call to order or learn how you can even earn \$\$! **NATIONAL BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE, TOO!**

Jimmy Fitzgibbons and Bernie Townsend study under the watch of the Sacred Heart.



**Thank
You!**

Holy Cross Academy is thankful to all those who have supported our mission. Our success can only be attributed to the many volunteers, experts, and donors who have offered their time and talents, and especially the thousands of prayers offered on our behalf. The names of HCA's supporters will be printed in a future issue.

Soccer Teams Cruise To Winning Season!

**GO
HCA!**



Coach David Theis (left), with the assistance of Kim Herter, guided both girls and boys soccer teams to an historic winning season.

Theis comes to HCA from Lake Tahoe via Steubenville. In addition to Coaching, Theis directs the Youth Group and carries a heavy class load. Herter (not shown) is also an HCA parent, HCA Preschool teacher, and a homeschooling mom.

Many thanks to Nettie Periard for getting the HCA sports program off the ground and for her continued help and support!



Where Do We Grow From Here?

Growth can be measured in many ways. HCA has experienced growth in the number enrolled and faculty members. We have seen the personal growth of students and staff, teachers and trustees. Our income has grown considerably, and narrowly meets our growing financial obligations (although our current shortfall is \$15,000).

Plans are in the works to accommodate this phenomenal growth. Exciting new marketing and fundraising is on the horizon, grants are being pursued and workshops and conferences will be held. Classes for adults and a family resource library will be established. Our campus will be expanded to include a new library, a modern science lab, a fine arts wing and a gymnasium. Soon, we will begin clearing trees and levelling ground for ball fields. (If you or your company would like to loan us some heavy equipment or do some work for a nice tax write-off, please contact us!)

This is what we ask of you: Please continue to keep the success of the Academy in your prayers, participate in our fundraisers, donate needed items (Lab and library equipment, SLR cameras, musical instruments, sports equipment, preschool furniture and supplies, portable CD player), and prayerfully consider your financial gift to Holy Cross Academy. You are an essential part of our success. May Our Lord bless you for your generosity and prayers!

Here's How I Can Help!

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- I am a Smart Shopper! Please send me _____ book(s) (\$25 each) Amount: \$ _____
- I would like to enter the Cash Raffle. Please send _____ tickets (\$50 each) Amount: \$ _____
- Please accept this sacrificial gift to continue the good work of HCA: Amount: \$ _____
- I will remember Holy Cross Academy in my prayers. Total enclosed: \$ _____

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HCA's basketball teams along with parents and students cheer on the Syracuse Orangemen, NCAA champions.

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