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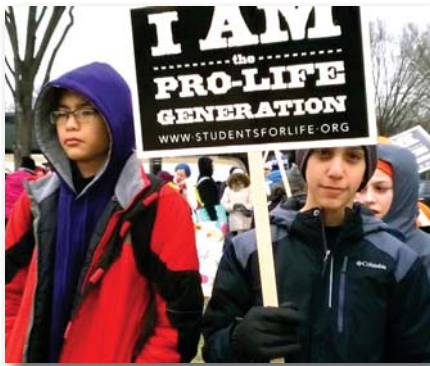
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Fall 2018

Celebrating 20 years!

When Holy Cross Academy opened its doors in 1997, we built our mission around loving God, and loving our neighbor by imparting Truth, instilling virtue, and forming the next generation of Catholic leaders. Today, while much has changed over the years, we are still firmly committed to those same principles.

The next 20 years will hold many challenges and victories, and the mission will surely be even more critical as the culture moves rapidly away from adherence to truth, lasting principles, and God. Today we celebrate a great milestone in the life of HCA, and we look forward with hope, knowing that the restoring of the culture to Christ begins with personal conversion, and the education and evangelization of those closest to us - our families, our students, our friends, and our community. Together, we can make it happen!



Commencement 2018



Chappell encouraged the graduates to tear down the “windmills” and challenged them to take their place in history through doing good works, which necessarily spring from a solid foundation of faith.

The fourteen seniors received their diplomas from Daniel Miller, President of the Board of Trustees, and Principal Therese Maciag.

“It is easy to be distracted and caught up in the noise, the rush, the constant activity going on around us. This is the sound of the World, which tries to drown out the voice of God,” Maciag said. “Keep your eyes fixed on the Lord. Learn to take time every day to listen to His quiet whisper, and discover what it is that He has set before you to accomplish.”

The Valedictorian was Alex Dearmore, and the Salutatorian was Jack Jones. Alex commented on how the atmosphere at HCA is like a close-knit family centered on God, where everyone is willing to lend a hand when needed. Jack Jones appreciates the habits of the school day, and how they instill a sincere desire to improve. The entire class of 2018 will be missed and we wish them the best as they continue on their journey.

New Year Begins!

The opening of our 21st year marks the launch of a new generation in the life of HCA, and it began with the welcoming of eighteen new students representing seven area school districts, California, and Japan. Ten of the new students are siblings of returning students. The HCA student body is truly an extended family!

International performer Stephen Price is directing the newly reformed Drama Club, and the gifted Charlene Myers has joined the staff this year directing Band and teaching instrumental lessons. We are very fortunate to have them!

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about enrolling at Holy Cross Academy, please contact the office. There are scheduled Open Houses and Visiting Days throughout the year, or call to arrange a personal visit at anytime: 315-363-1669.



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY exists to provide a rounded education for the whole person, to help students seek the truth, love God and neighbor, and to become saints.

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Message from the Board of Trustees

HOPE FOR A NEW GENERATION

Throughout the history of Man, sin has abounded; in individuals, in cultures, in society. Sin is certainly not new, although Man seems to use his ingenuity in devising new ways of sinning. He also seems to want to suppress only certain sins, while holding on to others. Or more accurately, redefining what is a sin and what is not in order to suit his preferences, diminish his guilt, and take away any reason to change his ways. In the process, he removes the need for forgiveness and the need for God. And so God is removed from the individual, the culture, and society at large.

But in so doing, Man has eliminated the very remedy for sin. In every case, and in every time, this has always been the remedy: the Grace of God. When people cooperate with this grace, society flourishes, culture is transformed, and individuals find true happiness. This is where Hope resides. ***Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more.*** Rom 5:20

At Holy Cross Academy, God has a place. Our Lord is at the very center of our mission. This has been true from the beginning, and it is still true 20 years later. It is Him whom we seek in every discipline, in every class, in the chapel, on the ball field. It is through His Grace that we move forward, even when sin and evil seem to surround us. Because we know that opening up to grace and forgiveness, available to us through the work of Christ's sacrifice, we share in the very life of the Trinity and we are sanctified. This is what we want for our students: to know God, to love Him, to serve Him, and to ultimately be happy with Him in heaven forever.

Much has been accomplished these past 20 years, and we have great hope for the new generation. Because we know that each individual equipped with Grace, wisdom and strength, can become a saint, transform the culture, and help usher in a newly restored era of Christendom.



In Christ,

Daniel J. Miller
President, Board of Trustees

Members of the original Planning Committee, which was formed in 1995 to establish an independent school teaching in the Catholic tradition, came together again at HCA's 20th Anniversary Dinner on May 31, 2018.



Front: Mary Ellen Shaver, Megan Vanderhoof, Dr. Irene Vanderhoof, Teri Maciag, Margaret Miller, Deb Miller, Sheryl Dostie. Back: Paul vanLieshout, John Vanderhoof, Dr. Jim Vanderhoof, Dan Maciag, Farrell Miller, Dan Miller, Pat Dostie.

Prayer Intentions

- For the eternal repose of the souls of: Holly Gigliotti, Monica Patterelli, Helen Helt, Bishop James Moynihan, Rev. Edmund Morelle, Dick Whipple, Rev. Moritz Fuchs, Jack Milne, Robert McCauley, Margaret Rutledge, Peter Juravich, Leona Haley, Larry Rudd, Robert Hesler, Tom Pollard, Ray Thielke, Clara Sexton, Luca Esposito, Inez Ripley, Marybeth Kazlauskas
- For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- For the protection of life at every stage.
- For all of our friends and benefactors who have passed away or are ill.



Holy Cross News Press Release: Milestone!

Pioneers in the Renewal of Catholic Education

The rich history of education has been a gift of the Catholic Church down through the ages. This past year, Holy Cross Academy celebrated 20 years of teaching in that same tradition, faithful to the teaching authority bestowed upon the Church by Our Lord Himself.

Holy Cross was founded in 1997 with the personal blessing of former Syracuse Bishop James Moynihan by a group of Catholic lay men and women dedicated to providing an excellent education imbued with the faith. They were pioneers in the renewal of Catholic education, becoming involved in the Catholic independent school movement which sprang from the call by the Second Vatican Council and Pope St. John Paul II that the laity use its own unique resources in taking Christ's message to the world.

The entrepreneurial spirit of Holy Cross set a course for excellence, and continues along that course today. Co-Founder and Principal Teri Maciag says that this spirit, "continues to allow it to draw from the best models of education, from the timeless and traditional to the creative and innovative, in order to carry out the mission of educating the whole person – body, mind, and spirit." It is their mission to help students on their journey to heaven.

Tethered to the Source of Truth

Co-Founder and Board of Trustees President Daniel Miller pointed out that, "Jesus Christ commissioned the Church to teach all nations, and promised to safeguard that teaching. If we remain tethered in this way to the source of all truth, there is no limit to the depth of understanding, and the height of knowledge, that is available to us. This is why the greatest advances in mathematics and science, philosophy and theology, law and jurisprudence, language and education, music, art and architecture historically have sprung forth from the inquisitive minds of Catholics. Truth really does set us free!"

However, truth is fiercely under attack today, Miller warned. "Especially the unchangeable teachings of the Catholic Church about life, marriage, and family. Holy Cross steadfastly counters the opinions voiced by many in the media, entertainment, government, and even many academic and religious entities, which attempt to draw our youth to a false understanding of life." The school is dedicated to upholding and transmitting Church teachings, and leading students to virtue and true happiness.

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The junior-senior high school is registered with the NYS Education Department, and successful students earn diplomas from both New York State and Holy Cross Academy. The Academy's independence allows it to design its own curriculum, and they have opted not to offer the Common Core. They believe that this gives teachers the freedom to tailor the classes to the needs of their particular students and focus on what is most important.

Catholic Identity Enlightens Curriculum and Culture

The 1977 Vatican document *The Catholic School*, described the task of a Catholic school as "a synthesis of culture and faith, and a synthesis of faith and life. The first is reached by integrating all the different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught, in the light of the Gospel; the second in the growth of the virtues characteristic of a Christian."

Holy Cross Academy is committed to this integration and to employing qualified teachers, trained in their specific disciplines, who are mindful that Catholic identity should be evident not only in religion classes, but also in every academic, arts, physical education, and technology class. This identity enlightens the curriculum and culture of the academy, permeates the classes and activities throughout the day, and inspires the school's presence in the wider community.

Genuine Caring, Friendship, and Charity

Students from twelve area school districts attend HCA. Teachers help them strive for excellence according to their own individual abilities by drawing out those abilities to their fullest measure. In an atmosphere of genuine caring, friendship, and charity, the faculty and staff form a partnership with parents, the primary educators of their children. The strength of this school-home linkage is a vital element in the achievement of HCA's educational goals.

Amy Collins, a teacher at Holy Cross and an HCA alumna, noted that, "Any school can simply teach facts and pass along information, but to instill in students a sense of joy and wonder, to encourage them to be virtuous and mentor them by good example, and to transmit the truths of the faith to the next generation, this is what Catholic education is all about. This is what Holy Cross Academy is all about."

After celebrating this milestone and giving thanks for the many accomplishments along the way, Holy Cross looks forward to the next 20 years and beyond with joy, hope and confidence.



20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER!

On May 31, 2018, Holy Cross Academy marked the conclusion of its 20th year with a wonderful celebration, thanking God, and honoring many supporters, especially those from the early years. It was an evening filled with fond reminiscing, while looking forward with joyful expectation. John Vanderhoof, one of the original Planning Committee members and father of six former and current HCA students, welcomed guests and served as Master of Ceremonies.



Paul vanLieshout

Attorney Michael Laucello, Board of Trustees Vice-President, gave an impassioned critique of the current culture and the state of today's institutions, and how Holy Cross continues to be an oasis of truth and a beacon of hope, "because God is at the center of our mission, and truth is not something that we have to hide or apologize for."

Founding board member and Treasurer Paul vanLieshout treated the crowd with a brief history, recalling humorous anecdotes, and surprising stories of curious coincidences that reinforce the power of Providence in the life of Holy Cross.

Rev. Joseph Kehoe, Spiritual Advisor, tied HCA's history with the work of Holy Cross Catechetical Center and the late Fr. Thomas Riley. He spoke of the faithfulness of the school and its commitment to the students and to the Church. He encouraged others to support Holy Cross, specifically urging the remembrance of HCA in their wills. "I will do anything for Holy Cross Academy!"

Board President Daniel Miller, Secretary Margaret Miller, and Principal Therese Maciag (all Founders) presented awards to many honorees, recognized for their invaluable support of the mission of Holy Cross.



John Vanderhoof



Mike Laucello, Esq.

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The Cyrenian

"For Advancing and Sustaining the Mission of Holy Cross Academy"

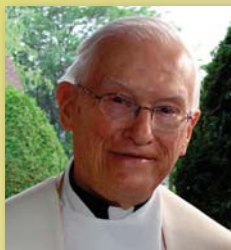
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Everett Vanderhoof+
Henry and Johanna van Lieshout +



Betty Moses



Rev. Thomas Riley, Msgr. Matthew Luczycki, and Rev. Edmund Morelle, honored for their inspiration, support, and spiritual leadership. Eternal rest grant unto them, and to all the faithful departed, O Lord.+



Drs. James and Irene Vanderhoof



Teri Maciag with Liz Droz



Remembering departed friends of HCA



Alumni Dan and Andy Maciag with Deacon James Chappell

HCA Honors Many Key Individuals



**Sandy Finley
Teri Maciag, Principal**



**June Zeller
Margaret Miller, Secretary**



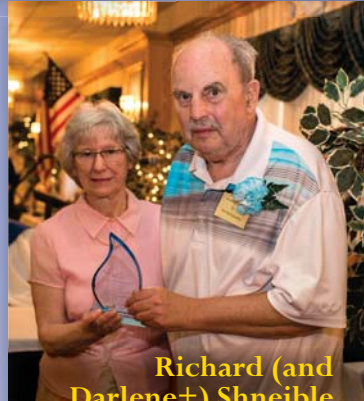
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HCA in Action!

FEB 26: Holocaust Survivor Magda Brown

Holy Cross hosted 90 year old Holocaust survivor Magda Brown, who spoke to the students, staff and guests about her experience during WWII as a Jewish prisoner in Hungary and then later Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Students, led by Claire Breckenridge, began raising money in the fall to fly Brown from Chicago to N.Y.

Though Magda lost much of her family, she has been dedicated to peace and sharing her story of hope. She was moved by HCA students, especially Claire, "I'm very proud of her," Brown said. "This is where my faith is and my hope is. A future with smart people of good thinking, doing the right thing."



APRIL 15: Big Bad Musical!

The Holy Cross Drama Club is back in action, entertaining a capacity crowd for three performances of the musical comedy "Big Bad Musical". The Big Bad Wolf (Dan Hatch) was sued by quirky storybook characters as Court TV commentator (Grace Collins) provided live coverage. The two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest - the Evil Stepmother (Marie Judge) and the Fairy Godmother (Allison Winn) - clashed in an unforgettable trial, while bumbling judge (Alek Stechyshyn) offered hilarious words of "wisdom".

The audience was amazed by the talent and hard work exhibited. Many thanks to drama club directors, world renowned performers Stephen and Juliane Price!



Dan Hatch, Layla vanLieshout and Margo Neth

The Class of 2018

Mark Allen Abbe
Dina Anderson
Angel Barahmeh
Mark James Collins
Alexander Benjamin Dearmore
Aaron Douglas Herter
Jack Christopher Jones
Joseph Robert Judge
Elizabeth Rose Libertella
Nathan David Joseph Miller
Sadie Lynn Shenandoah-Stanford
Jacob Charles Stearns
Nicholas George Stoker
Eric Michael Strail



May 5: Dinner Dance!



Sports!



- Soccer continues to dominate, especially when Fr. Castronovo is around!
- Softball team wins NCAC Championship!

The Annual Fund: Hope for A New Generation

After celebrating 20 years, we embark on a new year with hope, committed to forming a new generation of Catholic leaders who will help transform our culture. Holy Cross Academy is a truly unique and worthy undertaking, and we rely on your prayers and generosity. Here are a few things that make HCA special:

- The ONLY Catholic Jr.-Sr. high school option in Madison County
- 100% of students attend Mass at least weekly
- Academically outperforms public schools
- Catholic core curriculum, not "Common Core"
- HCA does not rely on State or Diocesan support. **We rely on YOU!**

The Lord continues to bless Holy Cross with providential benefactors like you, and we heartfully thank all who have contributed their time, treasure, and talents. **None** of this would be possible without **YOUR HELP**. *Thank you* for partnering with HCA to bring HOPE to our young people, to our culture, and to our world!

The Annual Fund 2018-2019 Goal: \$150,000

Use the enclosed envelope, or donate online at www.holycrossacademy.com

Some of our urgent needs this year include:

- **Roof Repair/Replacement**
- **New Doors**
- **Office Renovation**
- **Faculty Resources**
- **Classroom Tech and Supplies**
- **Student Activities and Field Trips**



Students raised over \$7,000 to help "Baby Frankie" in her fight with leukemia. Francesca is the granddaughter of English teacher Jerry Williams, and she is winning the battle!

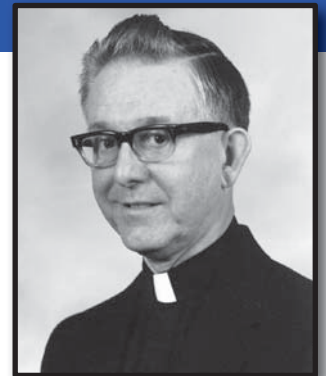


Fr. Joseph Kehoe - Active in Retirement

Reverend Joseph Kehoe celebrated 50 years since his ordination to the priesthood in May, and has recently entered retired life. Father Kehoe was ordained in the Cathedral of Syracuse on May 21st, 1966. He graduated from St. John the Baptist High School in Syracuse, received a bachelor of business administration from LeMoyne College and a certificate from Glastonbury Monastery Latin School in Hingham, MA, before entering Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure. He also was a professed Third Order Franciscan.

Fr. Kehoe served three years with the Air National Guard, and was assistant pastor of Holy Family, Fulton; St. Vincent de Paul, Syracuse; St. Lucy's, Syracuse; Immaculate Conception, Fulton; Sacred Heart, Cicero, and St. Mary's in Baldwinsville. He served as administrator of St. Mary's of Irish Ridge, and at Holy Cross in New London, which he provided as the first home of Holy Cross Academy in 1997.

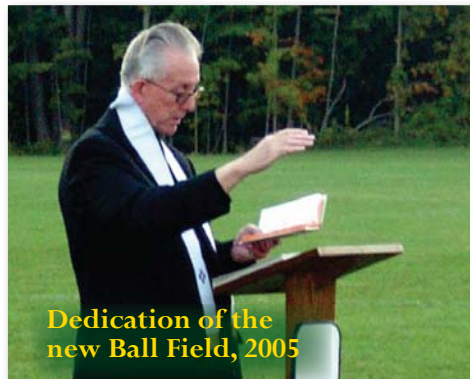
For 29 years, he served as Pastor at Saint Francis Church in Durhamville, NY, and also at Saint Therese Church in Munnsville. Through the years Father Kehoe taught religious education to youth and adults, served patients in the Oneida Healthcare facilities, and was chaplain to the Knights of Columbus. For the last twenty years, since the founding of the school, Father Kehoe has been a spiritual advisor to Holy Cross Academy. He is well known for his smile, good sense of humor, and his unwavering commitment to the Catholic faith. Fr. Kehoe was awarded "The Cyrenian" at the 20th Anniversary Dinner for his work in advancing and sustaining the mission of Holy Cross Academy. Father Kehoe now resides at the Nottingham in Syracuse, but he can still be seen at Holy Cross events, and will continue to be featured in future publications of Holy Cross News. We are deeply grateful for his wisdom, friendship, encouragement, and assistance throughout the years, and we wish him many years of happiness!



Rev. Joseph F. Kehoe
Spiritual Advisor



Fr. Kehoe with Founders Teri Maciag and Dan Miller, Jan. 1997



Dedication of the new Ball Field, 2005



Fr. Kehoe receives "The Cyrenian" from Principal Teri Maciag, 2018

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