



# Saints today. Saints for all eternity.

## From the desk of Dr. Marco Clark

*“Our union with one another is a powerful lever with which we can move, direct, and sanctify the whole world”*  
*(Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Circular Letter 14).*

Dear Holy Cross Family and Friends,

My first year in South Bend and on the Holy Cross College campus has revealed God's beauty and goodness with the changing of the seasons bringing forth an array of colors, a crispness in the air, football and soccer games, and the shortening of each day. Last week was particularly beautiful, not only with the leaves changing but also as the extended family of Holy Cross gathered for three special activities: the celebration of the life and legacy of Fr. David Tyson, C.S.C., President Emeritus of Holy Cross College, meetings of the four Congregational leadership teams, and our Board of Trustees meetings.

Recently, Fr. Jim Gallagher, C.S.C. preached during one of our daily masses on our invitation as Christians to the “household of God.” Hearing this reference to “God's household” was profound for me. We often think of the church as the house of God, but have you ever contemplated being in God's household? Have you ever been invited to a friend or relative's home and admired the beauty of the home, the décor, and even the location? Imagine now walking into God's household. There, seated in the dining room is the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus surrounded by the saints and our loved ones. This home is no doubt the most beautiful, is exquisitely decorated with reminders of God's love for us, and brings us feelings of security, love, and hope.

One such reminder of God's household came last week when I attended a special dinner at the household of the Sisters of the Holy Cross on the beautiful campus of Saint Mary's College. The invitees for this dinner included the four general counsels for the four branches of the family of Holy Cross—Brother Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., Superior General for the Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers, Sister Veronique Wiedow, C.S.C., President of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Sister Raymond Maisonneuve, C.S.C. Congregational Leader for the Sisters of Holy Cross, and Sister Ann Lacour, MSC, Congregational Leader for the Marianites of Holy Cross. Also invited were my president colleagues at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, Dr. Katie Conboy and Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C., who was unable to attend due to a previous commitment in London. Gathering with this group of humble, servant leaders was truly an inspiration as representatives from each general counsel journeyed from around the world to be there.

Last week we also celebrated the remarkable contributions of a man who exemplifies the mission of Holy Cross, possessing the competence to see and the courage to act in building up God's kingdom, Father David Tyson, C.S.C. Now President Emeritus at Holy Cross, the extended family of Holy Cross gathered atop the Hesburgh Library to celebrate his life and his legacy. We should all be most grateful for this man and his courage to lead Holy Cross College during a tumultuous time in our history. Fr. Tyson, we are grateful for saying yes to Holy Cross College. We thank you for laying the foundation for an abundant future for our beloved College.

Finally, the Board of Trustees gathered for three days on campus as we planned and dreamt about the exciting future of Holy Cross College. Students, faculty, staff, administrators, and Trustees broke bread together, prayed together, shared ideas, and gave feedback on the data collected for the strategic plan. With an anticipated five-year plan to be announced in March 2023, the future of Holy Cross College has never looked brighter. We are grateful for the talents, time, and support of this remarkable group of leaders for the College.

Family is a core charism of Holy Cross. The gatherings I was blessed to be a part of last week—our Board of Trustees meetings, the gathering of the four congregational leaders, and the celebration of Fr. Tyson, are reminders of the gift of this charism and serve as examples of the radical hospitality God calls each of us to live by. As you journey this fall, whether on campus, in the workplace, around the Thanksgiving dinner table, while on travel, attending a ball game, or enjoying a walk or a bike ride, let us remember that we are in God's household, traveling as friends and not strangers, and may we too possess the radical hospitality that is witnessed by the family of Holy Cross.

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Ave Crux, Spes Unica,

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