

**Marco Clark,**  
**President, Holy Cross College**



Dr. Marco Clark is in his 36<sup>th</sup> year as a Catholic educator, 28 of which he served alongside the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Dr. Marco Clark has led Holy Cross College since 2022, ushering in a period of dynamic growth and innovation that positions the College as a leader in Catholic higher education in Northern Indiana.

Under his leadership, Holy Cross launched its visionary strategic plan, *With Eyes of Faith*, in May 2023, centering on five core themes: Zeal for Mission, Educating Hearts and Minds, Transformational Student Experience, Mission Advancement, and Growth. Shaped by students, faculty, staff, and alumni, the plan envisions Holy Cross as a place that forms **Innovative Scholars, Courageous Citizens, Virtuous Leaders, and Hopeful Disciples**.

The momentum has been undeniable. In fall 2024, Holy Cross welcomed its largest incoming class to date, a **17.8% increase in first-year enrollment**. The College continues to expand its academic offerings, with 13 majors, 22 minors, and graduate pathways at six affiliated institutions, including its tri-campus partners, the University of Notre Dame, and Saint Mary's College.

In support of a thriving campus life, Holy Cross will soon break ground on a **new state-of-the-art residence hall and athletics facilities**, further enhancing student experience. Additionally, the **Holy Cross Center for Learning and Professional Excellence (CLPE)**—established with support from the Lilly Endowment and in collaboration with the University of Notre Dame—positions the College at the forefront of workforce preparation and career readiness.

Under Dr. Clark's leadership faith remains central to the Holy Cross mission. In 2024, the College dedicated a **new devotional shrine to Our Lady of Holy Cross**, a sacred retreat space

overlooking the St. Joseph River, offering students and the broader community a place for prayer, reflection, and evangelization.

Before joining Holy Cross, Dr. Clark served as **Executive Director of the Holy Cross Institute at St. Edward's University (TX)**, supporting 120 Holy Cross schools worldwide through leadership development, research, and mission integration. Prior to that, he spent 23 years at **Bishop McNamara High School (MD)**, where he served as President & CEO and Principal, leading a period of transformative growth in academics, athletics, the arts, and campus facilities.

A nationally recognized expert in Catholic education, governance, and leadership formation, Dr. Clark holds a **Doctorate in Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University**, where his dissertation on leadership succession earned national attention. He has served on multiple educational and nonprofit boards, and currently serves on the **Catholic Charities Board for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, A.T. Still Health Sciences University, and the University of Holy Cross.**

Dr. Clark and his wife, Peggy, reside in **downtown South Bend**, where they are active parishioners at Holy Cross Catholic Church. A former Division I student-athlete and coach, he enjoys biking, kayaking, hiking, traveling, and spending time with their three grown children and nine grandchildren.