HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

Office of the President



Marco J. Clark, Ed.D.

President

Dr. Marco Clark is in his 38th year as a Catholic educator, 30 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 of the College's growth has been reflected in both enrollment and academic expansion. In fall 2026, Holy Cross welcomed its largest incoming class to date, representing an 11% increase in enrollment. Since Dr. Clark assumed the presidency, the College has experienced consistent growth in both student recruitment and retention, reflecting the strength of its strategic direction and continued commitment to student success. Holy Cross has also expanded its academic offerings to 15 majors and 23 minors, while strengthening graduate pathways through seven affiliated institutions, including its tri-campus partners, the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College.

Further advancing the student experience, Holy Cross celebrated the completion of a new, state-of-the-art residence hall and enhanced athletics facilities in fall 2026, representing a significant investment in campus life and student engagement. Additionally, the establishment of the Holy Cross Center for Learning and Professional Excellence (CLPE), made possible through support from Lilly Endowment and in collaboration with the University of Notre Dame, strengthens the College's commitment to career readiness, professional development, and preparing students to meet the evolving needs of the workforce.

Central to Dr. Clark's leadership is the belief that faith must remain at the heart of the educational experience. 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. His leadership reflects the enduring mission of Holy Cross and its commitment to educating hearts and minds.

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Prior to 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 ten grandchildren.