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Thomas J. Sullivan '70
Chair
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

After a great deal of thought about what has happened on campus recently, i.e. the lessening of its Catholic identity I have reluctantly decided to only give a modest gift of \$25.00 to the Alumni Fund. Hopefully I will be able to give much more generously in the future.


I remember Holy Cross as being proclaimed to be a "small Catholic liberal arts college" that was taught by the Jesuits. Now I see the School's proclamation to be that it is a "Jesuit College that serves the Catholic Community". *I went to Holy Cross because it was Catholic* not because it was Jesuit. Being taught by the Jesuits was a bonus but that may not be the case today. However this is not the sole reason for my gift being reduced.

I have read with interest the letter from the "four" alumni who are lobbying for a return to a core curriculum. While I am not certain on what courses should be in this core curriculum or whether the school actually needs a core curriculum I am convinced it needs to teach the Catholic faith in a much more forthright manner. After reading most of the letters these gentlemen have written and after reading most of the rebuttals from members of the Holy Cross teaching community I contend that the difference in the presentations of each side in this discussion illustrates why Holy Cross should listen to these men: *they proclaim their position in a very clear and articulate way. Many of the rebuttals have been obscure, missed the point or just changed the issue.*

But this would not be a good enough reason for lowering my gift. Several recent activities on campus that have apparently been supported by the Jesuit administration have caused me to do what I am doing. The most obvious and egregious one was the production of *The Vagina Monologues* on campus on Ash Wednesday. I would have been against performing this play on campus. Perhaps I could have been cajoled to accept its performance elsewhere. However it was a kick in the face to perform it on Ash Wednesday on a so-called Catholic college's campus.

As mentioned above my desire is to return to a much more generous level of giving. However this will require that the administration attempts to change our great school back to being a "small Catholic liberal arts college" again.

Sincerely,


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