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Dear Bill,

Re: Four Alumni of The College of the Holy Cross

First, a note of identification. We met through the Lawler family in 1949 when I was entering Holy Cross. You introduced me to Father Donaldson who was a great help to me on many occasions during my four years on The Hill. I thank you again for that introduction.

It was with much enthusiasm that I responded to your letter of last September. Two of our children graduated from Holy Cross and there was no question that their education was much different, and in my view, inferior, to that which I experienced in the early fifties.

As you noted in your letter, the philosophy and religion courses were the defining character of a Holy Cross education. What I learned in those courses have remained as part of my life and of my daily existence. The sciences that were required for admission to medical school could be found in almost any college but the philosophy and religion were formative. To revive them as the core of the Holy Cross mission would be an enormous service to the students.

My optimism for the possibility of this 'restoration' collapsed recently when I heard from my daughter that she received a letter from Father McFarland which stated quite strongly that your efforts were being rejected. I did not see the letter and, unfortunately, she discarded it, assuming it was sent to all alumni/alumnae. I have not yet receive it nor has a classmate who I was with today.

I am hopeful that this communication will encourage you to continue your efforts, even in the face of apparent opposition

Sincerely,



John P. Carey, MD