

To: Holy Cross Trustees  
From: Charlie Millard

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And that "spirit of love" referred to in Memo #1 led me to propose a solution, which I believe, is: a) consistent with the Church, the society and the Holy Cross position on abortion; b) respectful of the Board's responsibilities; and c) fair to Chris Matthews.

Without trying to be the wordsmith (WO'H, S. J.) who has so brilliantly and felicitously crafted most of our honorary degree citations, I suggest the following.

"CHRISTOPHER MATTHEWS

"WE HONOR OUR LOYAL SON TODAY. AS WE DO, WE DISASSOCIATE THE COLLEGE FROM HIS PRO-CHOICE POSITION ON ABORTION AND PRAY FOR A CHANGE OF HIS HEART IN LINE WITH THE CHURCH TEACHING ON ABORTION, SO ELOQUENTLY SET FORTH IN THE RECENT SOCIETY OF JESUS DOCUMENT "STANDING FOR THE UNBORN." (PROCEED WITH LAUDATORY SECTIONS OF CITATION)

(ALTERNATIVELY, WRITE CITATION WITH DISCLAIMER IN BODY OF TEXT.)

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I come to this proposal as a result of some serious soul searching, including a recognition that I suspect no Holy Cross honorary degree recipient was ever more thrilled than I; consequently I focused on the "Why?" more than the "Why not?"

I hope enough of you agree to get this accomplished, and to hear from you soon.

Lift High the Cross!



Cc: Chris Matthews