

Holy Cross Cardinal Newman Society -- October 15, 2007

Dear Holy Cross Alumni and Friends,

If you haven't heard it by now, a Teen Pregnancy conference will be held Wednesday, October 24th at Holy Cross Hogan Center with sponsors and speakers from organizations including: Planned Parenthood, NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League), and Judicial Consent for Minors Lawyer Referral Panel.

Descriptions of these include: --- opposed to federal funding of abstinence until marriage programs, leading provider of comprehensive sex information, a sex therapist focused on explicit information (sometimes labeled sex toys), runs abortion clinics in Worcester and throughout the country, advocate for accessible abortions, and assistance for minors in getting court approval for abortions. Gov. Deval Patrick, who refused \$700,000 in funds for abstinence education, will be given their Leadership Award.

There are no speakers who promote chastity or abstinence before marriage, no pro-life speakers, no speakers from the Catholic point of view.

Strong attempts by many groups, including the Bishop of Worcester, have been made to get Fr. McFarland to cancel this event to no avail. He claims HC just rented the facility, though he indeed approved of it, and then goes on to justify its presence in the name of dialog! This is consistent with other non-Catholic positions the college has taken.

If you agree that this conference should not take place on the Holy Cross campus, please send an e-mail to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Holy Cross, Dr. Michael Collins, in care of Students For Life at [holycross@studentsforlife.org](mailto:holycross@studentsforlife.org). They will also forward it to the Papal Nuncio, the Bishop of Worcester, all the Trustees of Holy Cross, the leader of the Jesuit order in the U.S. and in Rome, and to Fr. McFarland.

If you wish to stop contributing to Holy Cross, as more alumni and parents have decided to do, please consider the alternatives of [www.studentsforlife.org](http://www.studentsforlife.org) or [www.HolyCrossCardinalNewmanSociety.org](http://www.HolyCrossCardinalNewmanSociety.org) or the [www.CardinalNewmanSociety.org](http://www.CardinalNewmanSociety.org).

**Additionally, please visit our website at [www.HCCNS.org](http://www.HCCNS.org) and stay tuned for further updates and action items on this subject.**

Thank you, and God Bless you and your families.

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