

Immediate Action Needed from Holy Cross Alums

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Dear John,

My name is Ray Ruddy, and I am a graduate of Holy Cross College, class of '65. I would like to call to your attention another serious moral issue at Holy Cross College which a number of us find most disturbing and would respectfully ask a few moments of your time to read this letter and review this website: www.holycrossalumni.org.

On October 24, 2007, the Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy is presenting what amounts to a "training" seminar at the Hogan Center on the Holy Cross campus. Training sessions will be led by Planned Parenthood, NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League), and the Judicial Consent for Minors Lawyer Referral Panel. The below letter to Holy Cross President, Fr. McFarland, briefly summarizes what are the fundamental charters of these groups. All attachments to the letter can be accessed at www.holycrossalumni.org.

I believe you will agree that it is totally unacceptable for Holy Cross to provide a venue to organizations who promote abortion, which is a practice diametrically opposed to what our Alma Mater has taught since its founding, and that all measures should be taken to prevail on the College's administration to cancel the event. But Fr. McFarland does not agree with this and, despite my letter to him, the Alliance and their Planned Parenthood allies are going to continue their program with the consent of Holy Cross.

Therefore, we need your assistance. If you agree with us that this conference should not take place on the Holy Cross campus, please address an e-mail to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Holy Cross, Dr. Michael Collins, but send it to Students For Life at holycross@studentsforlife.org, and we will forward it not only to the Chairman of the Board but also to the Papal

Nuncio, the Bishop of Worcester, all the Trustees of Holy Cross, the leader of the Jesuit order here in the U.S. and in Rome, and to Fr. McFarland.

Although this is not a call for you to stop contributing to Holy Cross a number of alumni and parents have in fact decided to follow that path. For those so inclined, a contribution alternative might be Students for Life at www.studentsforlife.org, other pro-life advocate groups, or you can register and contribute to the Holy Cross Cardinal Newman Society at www.HCCNS.org or the national Cardinal Newman Society at www.CardinalNewmanSociety.org. The Cardinal Newman Society groups alerted us to this issue and presently perform a "watchdog" function.

Let us be assertive and then pray that Fr. McFarland and the Trustees will carefully consider our request and cancel this ill-conceived October 24 program, thereby effectively doing what Jesus did when he discovered that the money changers were actually operating out of the temple.

Very truly yours,

Raymond B. Ruddy '65