

# HOLY CROSS EDUCATION

A Catholic education in the Holy Cross tradition transforms minds and hearts with zeal in communities of hope.

**Transformation:** Our colleges and universities offer intellectual, moral, and spiritual formation of the mind and heart that honors the integration of faith and reason.

**Zeal:** Zeal is the sacred fire that enkindles transformation in us and ignites the desire to act boldly for the good of neighbor, society, and the global community.

**Community:** Formation and transformation flourish in communities of faith and scholarship marked by unity of purpose, collaboration, and familial concern for every person.

**Hope:** Together we strive to instill hope in the face of suffering and foster participation in works of resurrection on our campuses, in the church, and throughout the world.

## FR. MOREAU

Founder of the Congregation



Blessed Basil Moreau (1799-1873), a priest from LeMans, France, founded the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1837. He envisioned priests, brothers, sisters and laypeople working in close collaboration to transform society, especially through the ministry of education. Placing his confidence in

God's love he chose the motto, "The Cross, Our Only Hope," for his new congregation and entrusted Holy Cross to the intercession of Our Lady of Sorrows as its patron. Moreau was declared "blessed" on September 15, 2007.

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Service Today

King's and the local Holy Cross Community are entering their 79th year. Currently, 12 "C.S.C.s" (the Community's Latin name is, "Congregatio a Sancta Cruce") serve at King's and in the Wyoming Valley. Of those, 10 minister at the college; two other ministers locally.

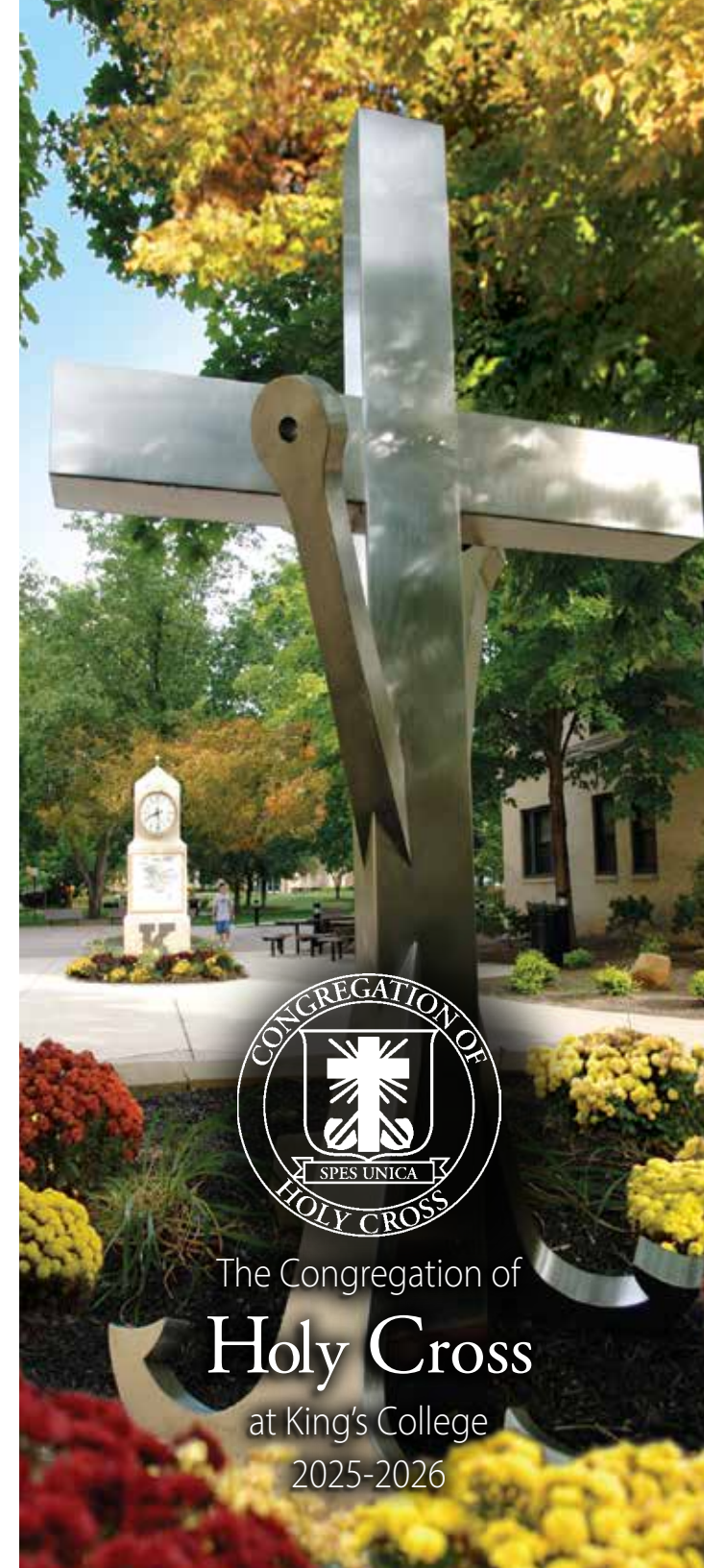
In addition to their roles at the college, the Holy Cross Community members are actively involved in Northeastern Pennsylvania religious, civic, and service organizations. Many of our priests also assist at area parishes on weekends.

## VOCATIONS & the Holy Cross Community

College is a time for exploring career and vocation, and ministry in the church is one sure possibility. Many graduates of King's have gone on to become sisters, brothers, and priests. Holy Cross welcomes the opportunity to help students with this discernment. Students should contact any Holy Cross priest or brother you know on campus for further information.

## CROSS AND ANCHORS

The origin of the Cross and Anchors as the symbol of the Congregation of Holy Cross can be traced to Blessed Basil Moreau's love for a sixth-century hymn, "Vexilla Regis" which includes the phrase, "O Spes Unica, Crux Ave," "Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope." Father Moreau's faith in the cross as the promise and guarantor of salvation led him to propose the cross overlaid with anchors, the symbol of hope, as the seal of his Congregation.



The Congregation of  
**Holy Cross**  
at King's College  
2025-2026

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A Brief History

The Holy Cross Community was founded at Sainte Croix ("Holy Cross"), France, in 1837 by Fr. Basil Anthony Moreau. He envisioned a religious community of priests, brothers, and sisters who would assist the diocesan clergy, teach at all levels of education, and respond to other pressing needs in the church.

In 1841, the first Holy Cross priests and brothers came to America. Late in November of 1842, Fr. Sorin and six brothers arrived at what is now South Bend, Indiana, and began building what would become the University of Notre Dame. Since that time, three Holy Cross Congregations of priests, brothers, and sisters have founded nine colleges and universities.

University of Notre Dame	1842: Notre Dame, IN
St. Mary's College	1844: Notre Dame, IN
St. Edward's University	1885: Austin, TX
University of Portland	1901: Portland, OR
Our Lady of Holy Cross	1916: New Orleans, LA
King's College	1946: Wilkes-Barre, PA
Stonehill College	1948: North Easton, MA
Notre Dame College	1950: Manchester, NH (closed)
Holy Cross College	1966: Notre Dame, IN

Holy Cross has ministered for more than 170 years in the United States in parishes, educational institutions and as chaplains in hospitals, the military service, and elsewhere.

## CELEBRATING A SAINT



Brother Andre Bessette, CSC, beatified in 1982, was canonized in Rome in October, 2010. He had served for over 60 years at the College Notre Dame and later at the Oratory of Saint Joseph in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Bro. Andre faithfully greeted visitors and extended hospitality daily. Because of his concern for them, many people went to him for help and healing. Some were cured through the intercession of his prayers.



# HOLY CROSS MEMBERS AT KING'S

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## Religious Serving at King's College



**Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C., Ph.D.**  
*President*

From Otisville, NY, Father Tom has served as Chair of the Theology Department, Director of Campus Ministry, and Associate Vice President for Academic Success in his time at King's College. He has served as the President of the College since 2021.



**Rev. Dan Issing, C.S.C., Ph.D.**  
*Chair, Theology Department*

Born in College Park, MD, Father Dan is in his 17th year teaching at King's College. He researches and teaches in the field of Christian ethics and serves as Chair of the Theology Department.



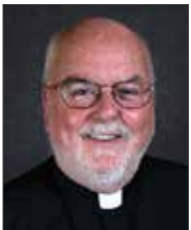
**Rev. Brogan Ryan, C.S.C.**  
*College Chaplain, Director of Campus Ministry*

From Columbus, OH, Father Brogan worked in Residence Life at the University of Notre Dame before coming to King's College. He now serves as the Director of Campus Ministry and College Chaplain. Father Brogan lives in residence in Holy Cross Hall.



**Rev. Frank Murphy, C.S.C.**  
*Religious Superior, Campus Ministry*

From Chicago, IL, Fr. Frank has served in parish ministry, 18 years in East Africa in Holy Cross ministries, two years in training for retreats and spiritual direction at a Jesuit retreat house in Canada and, most recently, as Faculty Chaplain and Coordinator of Spiritual Direction training and support at Notre Dame. He now serves as the Superior of the local Holy Cross Community and as Campus Minister for Faculty and Staff.



**Rev. Tom O'Hara, C.S.C., Ph.D.**  
*Academic Advising, President Emeritus*

From Hazleton, PA, and a graduate of King's College, Father Tom taught political science before serving as the President of the College from 1999 to 2011. He was then elected to be the Provincial Superior of the U.S. Province of Holy Cross. Father Tom now works in Academic Advising.



**Rev. Michael Wurtz, C.S.C., S.L.D.**  
*Theology Department*

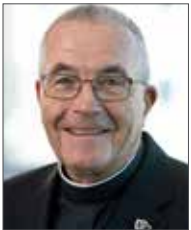
From Pocahontas, AR, Father Michael studied Liturgical Theology in Rome and is in his sixth year teaching at King's. He regularly assists at the English-Use parish of St. Thomas More in Scranton.

## Religious Serving in Other Ministries



**Rev. Ricky Bevington, C.S.C.**  
*Campus Ministry*

From Delmont, PA, Fr. Ricky arrived at King's in 2024. He previously ministered in Student Affairs at both Stonehill College and the University of Notre Dame. He serves as the Assistant Director of Campus Ministry and lives in residence in Luksic Hall. He was ordained a priest in April 2025.



**Br. John Paige, C.S.C., Ph.D.**  
*Education Department*

From Albany, NY, Brother John has served as Principal of Notre Dame High School in West Haven, CT; President of Bishop McNamara High School in Maryland; and President of Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, IN. Most recently Brother John served as the Assistant Dean of Education at the University of Incarnate Word. He currently advises students in the Education Department.



**Rev. Bob Lozinski, C.S.C.**  
*Pastor, St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church*

From Adams, MA, Father Bob previously served as the Director of Campus Ministry at King's. He is in his 18th year as the Pastor of St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Dunmore.



**Br. Jimmy Henke, C.S.C.**  
*Residence Life*

From Greenwood, IN, Brother Jimmy spent his first couple years at King's College working in Campus Ministry. He now serves as the Assistant Director of Residence Education for the Office of Residence Life and lives in residence in O'Hara Hall.



**Rev. Stephen "Chase" Pepper, C.S.C., Ph.D.**  
*Theology Department*

From Huntsville, AL, Fr. Chase is in his first year as a full-time member of the theology faculty at King's College. His scholarly interest is in the poetry and theology of Dante Alighieri. He previously worked at King's as a Campus Minister, RC, and adjunct professor of theology. He lives in Holy Cross Hall.



**Rev. Walter Jenkins, C.S.C., '88**  
*Pastor, Prince of Peace Catholic Church*

From Binghamton, NY and a King's alumnus, Fr. Jenkins has deep ties to Northeastern Pennsylvania as the grandson of local coalminers. Entering the Congregation of Holy Cross after college, Fr. Jenkins eventually earned a doctorate at the University of San Francisco and spent more than thirty years in Catholic school leadership before returning to the area to serve in parish ministry.

# PRAYER

for the King's College Community

LORD GOD, you filled the heart of Father Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, with zeal for the proclamation of your kingdom through the ministry of education. Bless us and all the administrators, teachers, students, staff, and alumni of King's College with a desire for your truth and a passion to make you known, loved, and served.

May we work together to educate the mind and heart of every member of our college community.

May your gracious Spirit enable this work of resurrection in us so that we might bring light to those in darkness and proclaim your liberating love to all in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.

Prayer by Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C.

Blessed Basil A. Moreau, C.S.C., founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was beatified September 15, 2007 in LeMans, France. His beatification brought him one step closer to being canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church.