College President Father Michael C. McFarland, S.J., has issued a challenge to the Holy Cross community to renew our faith and, at the same time reinvest in Holy Cross’ educational distinction.” In order to do this as well as possible the College has started a new fundraising campaign, “Lift High the Cross.” The campaign’s goal is to raise $175 million to be used to expand the college’s faculty and provide needed financial aid for students. The campaign has started nationally on Nov. 10, a weekend of pre-announcement events held on campus in early September. This started a quiet phase of the campaign during which $90 million was received through advanced gifts and pledges. By Jan. 10 of this year the campaign had raised $5 million more. A national committee, supported by two regional committees of volunteers in New York and Washington, will seek donations from sources such as corporate and foundation grants, parents, and alumnae. Jack Rehm ’54 is chair of the national “Lift High the Cross” campaign, which is consisting mainly of wealthy New Yorkers, which is a way to provide opportunities for the College’s future.

The campaign’s vision statement focuses on developing four components of Holy Cross. McFarland believes “Holy Cross has transformed us. Our college is providing the resources and opportunities for students to develop their moral and religious lives by establishing larger funds for retreat programs and the new Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture. Finally, Holy Cross hopes to respond to the requirements of contemporary society by allocating money to the Center for Technology and Learning a well as giving money to support the school’s efforts at recruiting a more diverse student body.

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Rosenzweig speaks about a changing Central Park

nually to the park, half came in carriages and were from the wealthiest three percent of society. The middle class also came on a visit to see concerts or to go ice skating in the winter. The lower class rejected the park. For many, the reason was a simple one, why should they spend money to provide opportunities for the poor? Money raised by the campaign will be used to expand the college’s faculty and their monetary support as well as improve facilities for thelibrary. Over one million dollars will go directly to student financial aid and scholarships. The next component is providing money for the college’s physical and social development. All students will have the opportunity to benefit from the construction of two new apartment-style residential halls for underclassmen as well as renovations to the existing dorms. Money from the campaign will be used to build new locker rooms and provide more need based financial aid for athletes. The campaign’s third focus is providing resources and opportunities for students to develop their moral and religious lives by establishing larger funds for retreat programs and the new Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture. Finally, Holy Cross hopes to respond to the requirements of contemporary society by allocating money to the Center for Technology and Learning and as giving money to support the school’s efforts at recruiting a more diverse student body.

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