

Holy Cross Student Survey  
Spring 2002

INTERVIEWER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INTERVIEW:  /

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:  MINUTES

Name of Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's Campus or Off-Campus Address:

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INTERVIEWER SHOULD ONLY READ STATEMENTS IN **lower case**.  
INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEWERS ARE IN **UPPER CASE**.

Before we start, I would like to assure you that this interview is confidential and completely voluntary. I will not share information about you with anybody else, and we will analyze the data in terms of groups, not individuals, so no one will be able to identify your specific answers. If we should come to any question that you don't want to answer, just let me know and we'll go on to the next question.

START TIME:  :  a.m./p.m. (CIRCLE A.M. OR P.M.)

1. First, we would like to know why you chose to come to Holy Cross. I'm going to read you some reasons that might have influenced your decision to attend Holy Cross. Please tell me whether each reason was very important, somewhat important, or not important in your decision to come here. (READ EACH REASON, THEN ASK: WAS THAT VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, OR NOT IMPORTANT?)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
a. My relatives wanted me to come here . . . . .	1	2	3
b. Holy Cross has a very good academic reputation. . .	1	2	3
c. Holy Cross has a good reputation for its social activities . . . . .	1	2	3
d. I was offered financial assistance. . . . .	1	2	3
e. I was attracted by the College's Catholic religious affiliation . . . . .	1	2	3
f. I was attracted by the College's Jesuit identity . . . .	1	2	3
g. I wanted to go to a school about the size of Holy Cross . . . . .	1	2	3
h. I was recruited to play a sport . . . . .	1	2	3

2. To how many other Catholic colleges and universities did you apply for admission?

(RECORD NUMBER)

Now I am going to ask you some questions about the religious background of your parents.

3. What was your mother's religious preference when you were growing up? Was it Catholic, Protestant, some other religion, or no religion?

- Catholic . . . . . 1
- Protestant. . . (ASK A) . . . . . 2
- None . . . . . 3
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 4

IF PROTESTANT:

A. What specific denomination was that, if any?

\_\_\_\_\_ (RECORD VERBATIM)

4. What was your father's religious preference when you were growing up? Was it Catholic, Protestant, some other religion, or no religion?

- Catholic . . . . . 1
- Protestant. . . (ASK A) . . . . . 2
- None . . . . . 3
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 4

IF PROTESTANT:

A. What specific denomination was that, if any?

\_\_\_\_\_ (RECORD VERBATIM)

5. When you were growing up, how often did your mother attend religious services? USE CATEGORIES AS PROBES IF NECESSARY.

- Never . . . . . 1
- Less than once a year . . . . . 2
- About once a year . . . . . 3
- Several times a year . . . . . 4
- About once a month . . . . . 5
- 2-3 times a month . . . . . 6
- Nearly every week . . . . . 7
- Every week . . . . . 8
- Several times a week . . . . . 9

6. When you were growing up, how often did your father attend religious services? USE CATEGORIES AS PROBES IF NECESSARY.

- Never . . . . . 1
- Less than once a year . . . . . 2
- About once a year . . . . . 3
- Several times a year . . . . . 4
- About once a month . . . . . 5
- 2-3 times a month . . . . . 6
- Nearly every week . . . . . 7
- Every week . . . . . 8
- Several times a week . . . . . 9

7. And what about when you were around 11 or 12, how often did you attend religious services then? USE CATEGORIES AS PROBES IF NECESSARY.

- Never . . . . . 1
- Less than once a year . . . . . 2
- About once a year . . . . . 3
- Several times a year . . . . . 4
- About once a month . . . . . 5
- 2-3 times a month . . . . . 6
- Nearly every week . . . . . 7
- Every week . . . . . 8
- Several times a week . . . . . 9

8. Did you get any of your grade school or high school education in Catholic schools?

- YES. . . . . (ASK A) . . . . . 1
- NO . . . . . 2

IF YES:

A. How many years did you attend Catholic grade school and high school?

Years

9. When you were growing up, did anyone usually say grace or give thanks to God aloud before meals at home?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

10. Did you participate in a parish or church youth group during high school?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

11. Prior to coming to Holy Cross, did you ever attend a spiritual retreat?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

12. Do you consider yourself in any way to be religious?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

13. Do you consider yourself to be a spiritual person?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

14. For you, which is most important: To be alone and to meditate or to worship with others?

- To be alone and to meditate ..... 1
- To worship with others ..... 2
- EQUALLY IMPORTANT (VOLUNTEERED) 3

15. In what religion, if any, were you raised? Was it Catholic, Protestant, some other religion, or no religion?

- Catholic ..... 1
- Protestant. .... 2
- None ..... 3
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 4

16. What is your religious preference at this time? Is it Catholic, Protestant, some other religion, or no religion?

- Catholic ..... 1
- Protestant. .... 2
- None ..... (GO TO QUESTION 28) ..... 3
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 4

17. Would you call yourself a strong, somewhat strong, or not very strong (NAME OF RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE IN PREVIOUS QUESTION)?

- Strong ..... 1
- Somewhat strong ..... 2
- Not very strong ..... 3

**IF RESPONDENT IS CATHOLIC, CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 18. IF RESPONDENT IS NOT CATHOLIC, GO TO QUESTION 28.**

18. Now I'm going to read you some aspects of being a Catholic. As a Catholic, how important is each of the following to you? Would you say very important, somewhat important, or not important at all? (READ EACH STATEMENT, THEN ASK: IS THAT VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, OR NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL?)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
a. The sacraments, such as the Eucharist and marriage .	1	2	3
b. Spirituality and personal growth. ....	1	2	3
c. Church involvement in activities directed toward social justice and helping the poor .....	1	2	3
d. The Catholic Church's teachings about Mary as the Mother of God .....	1	2	3
e. The spirit of community among Catholics .....	1	2	3
f. The teaching authority claimed by the Vatican ....	1	2	3

19. I will read you five items and, after each, please tell me if it has strengthened your commitment to the Catholic Church, weakened your commitment to the Catholic Church, or had no effect one way or the other. If you don't know, tell me that. (READ EACH ITEM, THEN ASK: HAS THIS STRENGTHENED, WEAKENED, OR HAD NO EFFECT ON YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?)

	Strength'd	Weakened	No effect	Don't know
a. The Church's teaching that artificial contraception is morally wrong .....	1	2	3	4
b. The Church's teaching that abortion is morally wrong .....	1	2	3	4
c. The policy of ordaining men, but not women, to the priesthood .....	1	2	3	4
d. Reports indicating that a significant number of priests have homosexual tendencies .....	1	2	3	4
e. Reports indicating that a number of priests have abused children sexually ...	1	2	3	4

20. The following statements deal with what you think it takes to be a good Catholic. Please tell me if you think a person can be a good Catholic without performing these actions or affirming these beliefs. Can you be a good Catholic . . . (REPEAT THIS STEM BEFORE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.)

	Yes	No
a. without going to Church every Sunday? . . . . .	1	2
b. without obeying the Church hierarchy's teaching on birth control? . . .	1	2
c. without obeying the Church hierarchy's teaching on divorce and remarriage? . . . . .	1	2
d. without obeying the Church hierarchy's teaching on abortion . . . . .	1	2
e. without believing in the infallibility of the Pope? . . . . .	1	2
f. without their marriage being approved by the Catholic Church. . . . .	1	2
g. without donating time or money to help the poor? . . . . .	1	2
h. without donating time or money to your parish? . . . . .	1	2

21. Over the past 20 years the American Catholic bishops have written several pastoral letters. Have you heard or read about . . . READ EACH STATEMENT, AND CIRCLE ONE CODE FOR EACH.

	Yes	No
a. The 1983 peace pastoral? . . . . .	1	2
b. The 1985 pastoral on economic justice? . . .	1	2
c. The 1992 draft pastoral letter on the role of women in the church? . . . . .	1	2
d. The 1997 pastoral message to parents of homosexual children? . . . . .	1	2

22. How important are the religious teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church to you? Are they very important, fairly important, not too important, or not at all important?

Very important . . . . .	1
Fairly important . . . . .	2
Not too important . . . . .	3
Not at all important . . . . .	4

23. To what degree do these religious beliefs affect your daily thinking and action? A great deal, some, hardly any, or not at all?

A great deal . . . . .	1
Some . . . . .	2
Hardly any . . . . .	3
Not at all . . . . .	4

24. Have you received the sacrament of confirmation?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

25. Now I will read you three statements about the priesthood. After each, please tell me if you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly? Since the original leaders of the Church were men, women should not be ordained to the priesthood.

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- Agree strongly ..... 1
- Agree somewhat ..... 2
- Disagree somewhat ..... 3
- Disagree strongly ..... 4
- DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ..... 5

26. It would be a good thing if married men were allowed to be ordained as priests.

- Agree strongly ..... 1
- Agree somewhat ..... 2
- Disagree somewhat ..... 3
- Disagree strongly ..... 4
- DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ..... 5

27. It would be a good thing if women were allowed to be ordained as priests.

- Agree strongly ..... 1
- Agree somewhat ..... 2
- Disagree somewhat ..... 3
- Disagree strongly ..... 4
- DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ..... 5

28. How often do you currently attend religious services? USE CATEGORIES AS PROBES IF NECESSARY.

- Never ..... 1
- Less than once a year ..... 2
- About once a year ..... 3
- Several times a year ..... 4
- About once a month ..... 5
- 2-3 times a month ..... 6
- Nearly every week ..... 7
- Every week ..... 8
- Several times a week ..... 9

29. About how often do you pray apart from Mass or church services? USE CATEGORIES AS PROBES.

- Several times a day . . . . . 1
- Once a day . . . . . 2
- Several times a week . . . . . 3
- Once a week . . . . . 4
- Less than once a week . . . . . 5
- Never . . . . . 6

30. Do you believe there is a life after death?

- YES . . . . . 1
- NO . . . . . 2
- DON'T KNOW . . . . . 3

31. Please look at this card and tell me which statement comes closest to expressing what you believe about God?

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- Don't believe . . . . . 1
- Don't know, no way to find out . . . . . 2
- Higher power . . . . . 3
- Believe sometimes . . . . . 4
- Believe with doubts . . . . . 5
- No doubts . . . . . 6

32. Have you taken any religious studies courses at Holy Cross in addition to the one course requirement in this area?

- YES . . . . . 1
- NO . . . . . 2

33. How has your level of participation in religious activities changed since coming to Holy Cross? Has it increased greatly, increased somewhat, decreased somewhat, decreased greatly, or has it neither increased nor decreased?

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- Increased greatly . . . . . 1
- Increased somewhat . . . . . 2
- Neither increased nor decreased . . . . . 3
- Decreased somewhat . . . . . 4
- Decreased greatly . . . . . 5

34. Since coming to Holy Cross, would you say that your personal religious faith is stronger, weaker, or about the same?

- Stronger . . . . . 1
- Weaker . . . . . 2
- About the same . . . . . 3



35. Since coming to Holy Cross, would you say that you are more critical of the teachings of the Catholic Church, more appreciative of the teachings of the Church, neither more critical nor more appreciative, or both more critical and more appreciative?

- More critical ..... 1
- More appreciative ..... 2
- Neither more critical nor more appreciative .. 3
- Both more critical and more appreciative .... 4

Now we would like to ask you some questions about your participation in activities and programs sponsored by the Holy Cross Chaplain's Office.

36. Before we begin, we'd like to find out how much you know about the Chaplain's Office and Campus Ministry Center? Can you tell me the name of the building where the Chaplain's Office and the Campus Ministry Center are located? What is the name?

- Campion (or Campion House)..... 1
- DOESN'T KNOW THE NAME ..... 2

37. Where is Campion House, the site of the Chaplain's Office, located?

- Below Hanselman; above the Millard Art Center .... 1
- DOESN'T KNOW THE LOCATION ..... 2

38. Are there both Catholic and Protestant chaplains at Holy Cross, are there only Catholic chaplains, or do you not know?

- Both Catholic and Protestant chaplains ..... 1
- Only Catholic chaplains ..... 2
- Don't know ..... 3

39. Are there both men and women chaplains at Holy Cross, are there only men chaplains, or do you not know?

- Both men and women chaplains ..... 1
- Only men chaplains ..... 2
- Don't know ..... 3

40. Are you aware that College chaplains are available to meet with students to discuss personal problems and concerns?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

41. Have you heard of the "How Can I Find God?" series at Holy Cross?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

42. Have you ever participated in a retreat at Holy Cross, such as Escape, Manresa, or the Spiritual Exercises?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

43. Have you ever participated in any of the liturgical ministries—as a member of the church choir, a liturgical dancer, or as a Eucharistic minister, greeter, lector, altar server, cantor, or liturgical coordinator?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

44. Have you ever participated in a SPUD program at Holy Cross?

- YES ..... 1
- NO ..... 2

IF YES:

In which program or programs have you participated?

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45. Have you ever participated in any of the following programs sponsored by the Chaplain's Office?

	Yes	No
a. Appalachia Service Project .....	1	2
b. Mexico Program .....	1	2
c. Pax Christi .....	1	2
d. Students for Life .....	1	2
e. Spiritual Journey .....	1	2
f. CCD Teachers .....	1	2
g. HAYES Retreat .....	1	2

46. In what other programs sponsored by the Chaplain's Office, if any, have you participated?

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Now we'd like to switch from religion to ask you about other experiences at Holy Cross.

47. First, how satisfied are you with your overall experience at Holy Cross. Would you say that you are very satisfied, satisfied, neutral, or dissatisfied?

- Very satisfied ..... 1
- Satisfied ..... 2
- Neutral ..... 3
- Dissatisfied ..... 4

48. Ok, now we'd like for you to indicate the importance to you personally of some things. For each item, please tell me whether you regard it as essential, very important, somewhat important, or not important.

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		Very Essential	Somewhat Important	Not Important	
a.	Raising a family . . . . .	1	2	3	4
b.	Being very well off financially . . . . .	1	2	3	4
c.	Helping others who are in difficulty. . . . .	1	2	3	4
d.	Developing a meaningful philosophy of life . . . . .	1	2	3	4
e.	Performing community service . . . . .	1	2	3	4
f.	Helping to promote racial understanding. . . . .	1	2	3	4
g.	Keeping up to date with world events . . . . .	1	2	3	4
h.	Becoming a community leader . . . . .	1	2	3	4
i.	Integrating spirituality into my life . . . . .	1	2	3	4

49. How would you describe your consumption of alcohol? Do you abstain from drinking altogether or would you describe yourself as a light, moderate, or heavy drinker?

- Abstain . . . . (GO TO QUESTION 52) . . . . . 1
- Light . . . . . 2
- Moderate . . . . . 3
- Heavy . . . . . 4

50. About how often do you drink alcoholic beverages?

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- Almost every day . . . . . 1
- Three to four times a week . . . . . 2
- Once or twice a week . . . . . 3
- Two to three times a month . . . . . 4
- About once a month . . . . . 5
- Several times a year . . . . . 6
- About once a year . . . . . 7

51. On a typical weekend night when you choose to drink, about how many drinks do you consume? Consider one drink as a bottle of beer, a glass of wine, a wine cooler, a shot glass of liquor, or a mixed drink.

drinks

52. How would you characterize your political views? Would you say that you are . . . . (READ RESPONSES).

- Liberal . . . . . 1
- Middle-of-the-road . . . . . 2
- Conservative . . . . . 3

53. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

- Favor . . . . . 1
- Oppose . . . . . 2
- DON'T KNOW . . . . . 3
- REFUSED TO ANSWER . . . . . 4

54. Do you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if the woman wants it for any reason?

- YES . . . . . 1
- NO . . . . . 2
- DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION . . . . . 3
- REFUSED TO ANSWER . . . . . 4

55. What is your date of birth?  /  /

56. What is your racial or ethnic background?

- WHITE/CAUCASIAN . . . . . 1
- AFRICAN AMERICAN . . . . . 2
- ASIAN AMERICAN/ASIAN . . . . . 3
- MEXICAN AMERICAN/CHICANO . . . . . 4
- PUERTO RICAN . . . . . 5
- OTHER LATINO . . . . . 6
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 7

57. What is your academic class standing? Are you a member of the class of 2002, 2003, 2004, or 2005?

- First year ('05) . . . . . 1
- Second year ('04) . . . . . 2
- Third year ('03) . . . . . 3
- Fourth year ('02) . . . . . 4

58. What is your academic major? (CIRCLE TWO MAJORS FOR DOUBLE MAJORS.)

- BIOLOGY ..... 01
- CHEMISTRY ..... 02
- CLASSICS ..... 03
- ECONOMICS ..... 04
- ENGLISH ..... 05
- FRENCH ..... 06
- GERMAN ..... 07
- HISTORY ..... 08
- MATH ..... 09
- MUSIC ..... 10
- PHILOSOPHY..... 11
- PHYSICS ..... 12
- POLITICAL SCIENCE ..... 13
- PSYCHOLOGY ..... 14
- RELIGIOUS STUDIES ..... 15
- RUSSIAN ..... 16
- SOCIOLOGY ..... 17
- SPANISH ..... 18
- THEATRE ..... 19
- UNDECLARED ..... 20
- VISUAL ARTS - HISTORY ..... 21
- VISUAL ARTS - STUDIO ..... 22
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 23

Finally, we would like to ask a couple questions about your ancestors and parents.

59. From what countries or part of the world did your ancestors come? IF MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY IS NAMED, LIST IN ORDER.

FIRST MENTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND MENTION: \_\_\_\_\_

THIRD MENTION: \_\_\_\_\_

IF MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY NAMED: Which one of these countries do you feel closer to?

\_\_\_\_\_

60. Are your parents currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have they never been married?

- Married ..... 1
- Widowed ..... 2
- Divorced ..... 3
- Separated ..... 4
- Never been married ..... 5

61. What is the highest grade of school that your father completed?

- LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL ..... 1
- HIGH SCHOOL ..... 2
- SOME COLLEGE ..... 3
- COLLEGE DEGREE ..... 4
- GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL DEGREE . 5

62. What is the highest grade of school that your mother completed?

- LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL ..... 1
- HIGH SCHOOL ..... 2
- SOME COLLEGE ..... 3
- COLLEGE DEGREE ..... 4
- GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL DEGREE . 5

63. What is your best estimate of your parents' combined income last year?

- Less than \$25,000 ..... 01
- \$25,000-39,999 ..... 02
- \$40,000-59,999 ..... 03
- \$60,000-79,999 ..... 04
- \$80,000-99,999 ..... 05
- \$100,000-149,999 ..... 06
- \$150,000-199,999 ..... 07
- \$200,000 or more ..... 08
- REFUSED ..... 09
- DON'T KNOW ..... 10

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64. CODE RESPONDENT'S SEX:

- MALE ..... 1
- FEMALE ..... 2

These are all the questions that I have. Thank you very much for your time and your help with our research. My professor may wish to get in touch with you to verify this interview. Therefore, we would like to have your telephone number. Ok?

(508) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number**

RECORD EXACT TIME NOW:   :   a.m./p.m. (CIRCLE A.M. OR P.M.)