

Holy Cross President to Retire

After 17 years as the President of Holy Cross College, Br. Richard Gilman, C.S.C., Ph.D., is announcing his retirement from the post of President of the College to be effective in 2010. Br. Gilman has led Holy Cross through a time of dynamic change and growth.

Br. Gilman has been an architect of progress. Under his leadership, the College has been transformed from a two-year community college into a vibrant Catholic Liberal Arts College, offering baccalaureate degrees in nine majors. Br. Gilman oversaw the construction of the Vincent Academic Center with 17 new classrooms and labs. To celebrate the Millennium, he suggested the construction of the Millennium Arch and Hardesty Plaza which provided a new iconic entranceway for the school. He led the development of a residential life program, remodeling two buildings as student dormitories and building two new residence halls. He initiated the office of Campus Ministry and started the International Experience program that encourages students to travel to one of four countries served by the Congregation of Holy Cross—Ghana, Peru, Mexico, or India—to broaden students' cultural perspectives. He also spearheaded the development and completion of the Pfeil Recreation and Student Center. Twelve athletic teams have also been added in the past five years.

During his tenure he has received many honors including the degree of Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa from Saint Mary's College.

Brother Richard graduated summa cum laude valedictorian of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and continued his studies at the Harvard Graduate School of Education on a National Science Foundation fellowship. He also studied at St. Louis University, the University of Akron, Georgetown University and was a member of the Woodrow Wilson Institute at Princeton University. He received his doctorate in higher educational administration from the University of Dayton. He spent many years teaching mathematics and physics at St. John's School in Sekondi, Ghana, and in 1974 began 17 years of distinguished service at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio as both principal and later President.

For all he has accomplished, Br. Gilman will not be resting on his laurels in retirement. "Eventually, I intend to retire in Holy Cross Village and continue to teach statistics part-time at the College," Br. Gilman said. "However, in the next year, I plan to dedicate some of my time toward helping to develop a new professional educational initiative in Ghana, West Africa while also spending some time studying to improve my Spanish," he continued.

Br. Richard Gilman's successor will soon be announced.

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