

# Address to the Class of 2022

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Thank you, my friend, for that kind introduction.

Many thanks, as well, to those members of the Holy Cross Family who inspired, initiated, and/or fulfilled the process resulting in my presence here today.

And certainly a salute to you, the great Tiger Class of 2022, for sharing your graduation day with me.

But first and foremost, let's be clear: Today is not about me. It is about you. . . . Congratulations! And understand that your Holy Cross Experience has prepared you to "Commence with Honor, Confidence and Dignity." CRUX SPES UNICA.

Surely, it is with equal measures of HUMILITY and PRIDE that I wholeheartedly and gratefully accept this honorary diploma. . . . You'll never know how much Holy Cross's gesture means to me. . . . Indeed, it is a treasure!

Also, I am privileged to join you and all of the other Holy Cross Men in our special bond of brotherhood. I truly cherish such inclusion.

Regarding the character of the Holy Cross Man, I'll conclude with this little ditty:

The Holy Cross Man - -  
He's really quite a wonder;  
For he, and only he,  
Can "Shake Down the Thunder!"