

Shake Down the Thunder

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“Shake Down the Thunder,” a metaphor defining the Holy Cross character,
Proclaims that the ordinary can become extraordinary,
And that all of us can share in the glory.

Such transcendence is the message, and such fraternity is the meaning.
And through the years the music of Holy Cross has provided the sound track,
The crescendo accompanying this magnificent drama.

The Holy Cross Experience.
A communion of place and purpose . . .
A state of mind . . .
A way of life . . .
The whole man . . .
The man you are . . .
The Holy Cross Man, inspired by yesterday
And pledged to tomorrow . . .

Seeking Wisdom, he arrives.
Embracing Tradition, he remains.
Discovering Discipline, he respects.
Discovering Commitment, he studies.
Discovering Knowledge he learns.
Discovering Skill, he does.
Discovering Talent, he excels.
Discovering Spirit, he serves.
Discovering Faith, he prays.
Discovering Hope, he prevails.
Discovering Charity, he gives.
And discovering Himself, he becomes.

Basil Moreau’s vision and the Congregation’s mission . . .
The stately hues of navy blue and old gold . . .
The eye of the Tiger . . .
The Gazebo, a paradox, at once protecting yet summoning passage . . .
“CRUX SPES UNICA” and the interlocking HC . . .

The poignancy of baccalaureate and the dignity of commencement . . .
The cheers of the "VICTORY MARCH" and the tears of the "ALMA MATER."
These images are our lexicon, our lifeblood.
They unite us in our collective search for truth.