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Dear Friends of Holy Cross:

Among the writings of the prophets, I love this verse: *“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord . . . to give you a future and a hope.”* Jeremiah 29:11. During the past two decades, my heart and soul have listened to the whispers of the Holy Spirit as I focused my creativity and energy on the future of The Academy of the Holy Cross. I believe now is the time for another strategic change that will advance our AHC mission. In consultation with my religious superior, I shared with the Board of Trustees my intention to resign as President/CEO effective June 30, 2009. I offered this advance notice both for the good of The Academy of the Holy Cross and as a way for me to bring effective closure to my leadership. Today, I share this decision with you and invite you to join in praying for all of us as we move into the future God has planned.

Together, the Board of Trustees and the administration have focused on strategic planning and strategic decision making as our mode of operation. I know that a search for administrative leadership needs more than a year to complete. At the same time, I know that anticipated changes in personnel, succession planning, strengthen an organization. I am confident that the day-to-day life of the Academy – educating compassionate and courageous leaders, building life-long relationships among alumnae and families and gathering resources to sustain the mission – will move forward smoothly and strategically because our loving God has given the AHC community a future and a hope beyond all our many individual dreams.

Between now and June 30, 2009, you and I will be busy advancing the AHC mission and enjoying our time together. Everyday, I am grateful for the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people committed to the educational mission of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the mission of the Academy. I am proud of my accomplishments for Holy Cross and I trust that the legacy of my years will continue to benefit the AHC community far into the future. I cherish the “Ladies of the Academy” and the Holy Cross spirit!

Sincerely yours in Holy Cross,

Sister Katherine Kase, CSC
President/CEO