

An open letter to the Campus Ministry of the Academy of the Holy Cross, re - the retreat on April 5:

As an alumnus of Holy Cross, I am profoundly disappointed to see that the above-cited retreat will not be based upon the Teaching Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. I am in possession of the announcement flyer, and see that the retreat "will focus on eco-spirituality and the story of the universe". This is nothing more than new-age, earth-worship idolotrous heresy. Else, why would Teilhard de Chardin, whose writings have been condemned by the Church, be quoted in your flyer (with a rather banal quote at that!)?

In these times that are so hostile to true Christianity, I would think that there is a wealth of worthwhile information that should be imparted to your students. Firstly, there is the need to drive home to the young women their duties toward God, the duties that have always been taught to us: to be obedient to the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church. They should be taught that they are to frequent the Sacraments, to observe God's commands for chastity (a concept under fierce attack), to revere and respect all human life. They should explore Papal encyclicals, particularly *Humanae Vitae*, *Casti Connubi* and others. They should be shown that false ideals of modern feminism will lead to death, and that real women will not contracept or embrace the lie of the "pro-choice" movement. They must also be taught that there is a heaven and there is a hell, and the choices that they make to obey or disobey God and His Church will determine where and how they'll spend eternity.

Ladies and gentlemen, I daresay that the parents of your students did not intend that their tuition dollars be used to cram heresy down their daughters' throats. Because you are entrusted with the education of these women, you will be held by God to great accountability. As an alumnus, I strongly urge you to scuttle this ill-advised agenda and give to these young women the Teachings of Holy Mother Church, teachings that they'll need to attain their eternal salvations. Your own salvations may very well hinge upon this.

Thank you.