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Holy Cross Choirs Newsletter

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### Holy Cross Choirs (Fall 2020)

Choir, College of the Holy Cross

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# HOLY CROSS CHOIRS

## COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

### Virtual Concert

Please join us for our Virtual Choir Concert, "Festival of Concerts," **Friday, December 4th**, beginning at **7:00 pm** at [bit.ly/hcmusicyt](https://bit.ly/hcmusicyt).

The College Choir concert will begin at 7:00 pm, and the Chamber Singers concert will begin at 7:30 pm. Then the Orchestra (also directed this semester by Prof. Martin) will begin at 8:00 pm, and the Wind Ensemble will begin at 8:30 pm.

### Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! We are excited to announce Lessons & Carols is moving forward! It will be on **Friday, December 18th** at **7:00 pm**.



A snapshot of the College Choir from our virtual Choir Week!

### A Virtual Choir Week

Usually every year, members of the Holy Cross Choirs come back to campus early to spend a week singing and having fun, prior to first year move-in! Of course, this year, we all could not come back to campus and sing, but we did not let that stop us. This year, we had a virtual Choir Week. We spent the week before school meeting up on Zoom for two hours each night singing, learning new songs, and getting to spend time with choir members, both new and old. We would go into breakout rooms and do many activities like learning about each other through ice breakers or playing games like Pictionary and Encore. We also learned and recorded two songs for the virtual 2020 Fall Convocation. Despite the circumstances, it was a lot of fun and was the next best thing from actually being on Mount Saint James with one another! See page three for a recap from members of the choir!

Check out our two songs at the beginning and end of Fall Convocation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOd8qDseANY>



## Choir Week Memories

I thought that virtual Choir Week was so much fun despite it being fully remote. As a freshman, it was great to meet so many upperclassmen who had great advice to give. I didn't know how singing on zoom would be, but it was actually so much fun! It was also very useful to use Soundtrap, since we are also using it in Choir this year. Overall, Choir Week was such a great experience and I 100% recommend it to anyone.

- GiGi Galanthay '24

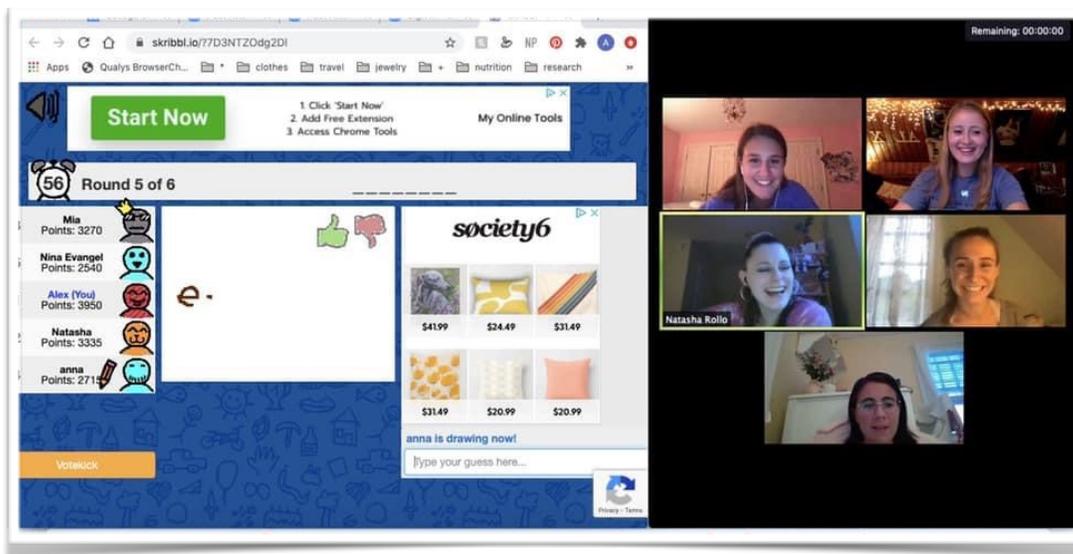
Participating in Choir Week this year was definitely a different experience, but a very cool one. When we found out we could no longer have Choir Week in person, we began to plan how we could still connect and make music virtually, and I am so glad we were able to do so.

Through breakout room activities, we were able to reconnect with old friends and meet the first years, and take turns signing together. I am so impressed with the two pieces we were able to produce virtually for Convocation in such a short span of time, and can't wait to see what the Choirs can accomplish this semester! - Meghan O'Keefe '21

## Mentor Program

The Holy Cross Choirs help to make entering into a new group of singers easier with the Mentor/Mentee Program! Each new member of the Choir is paired with a Mentor, a veteran of the choir, who helps them easily get adjusted to not only choir, but Holy Cross! The pair usually share meals, have coffee, and create memories together throughout the semester.

This year, the program looked a little different. Instead of meeting up for coffee or dinner, mentors and mentees face-timed and got to know each other virtually and even baked cookies together over Zoom! See page 4 for a reflection!



A snapshot of a few members of the choir in a breakout room during Choir Week playing online Pictionary!



## *Mentor Program Reflections*

I was paired with Liam Houlihan, who I had met first during Choir Week and then a couple more times at the bass sectionals. We both have several common interests and enjoy many of the same books and movies, which made an easy-flowing conversation to start off. He gave me some tips on the more technical aspects of singing, as well as a helpful breakdown of different ranges, voice types, and other "quick-start" information about being a bass. - *Wesley Reller '24*



## *Dates to Remember:*

### **“Festival Of Concerts”**

**Friday, December 4th, 7:00pm**

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### **Lessons and Carols**

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