Campus Poetry Walk
(Re)creating and Reconnecting a Community

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About Holy Cross and CrossWorks

College of the Holy Cross
- highly selective, four-year, undergraduate, liberal arts, Jesuit institution
- 3100 students
- Worcester, Massachusetts
- 174-acre campus

CrossWorks
- Digital Commons (bepress)
- 2013
- 5000+ items
January 2020

“Let’s plan a poetry walk to celebrate National Poetry Month in April”
Change of plans

January 2020

“Let’s plan a poetry walk to celebrate National Poetry Month in April”
Reconfigured to a social media campaign and called it a “Poetry Event” rather than a poetry walk.
January 2021

- Anticipated return of many students, limited staff, and some faculty to campus

- Need for the community (especially students) to have recreational opportunities that were safe, socially distanced and preferably outside

- “Let’s plan [another] poetry walk to celebrate National Poetry Month in April”
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• Recreating a previous event
• Intended as a recreational activity
• Participants create something that would be used to create something bigger
• Creative expression provided a coping tool as an outlet for stress
• Reconnect with one another
• Reconnect with the campus
Reconnection through Collaborations

Library Services  Cantor Art Gallery
Office of Student Affairs
Office of Sustainability
Montserrat
Campus Recreation  CAB (Campus Board of Activities)
Facilities
Solicitation to students

Instagram
Facebook
Email
English Faculty

SUBMIT A POEM TO THE

Campus Poetry Walk

Deadline: March 26

Holy Cross Libraries
Creating the route and map

CAMPUS MAP PROVIDED BY FACILITIES

MAP IN BROCHURE
Creating the brochure

We are grateful to our partners
Student Affairs
Office of Sustainability
Monsarrat
English Department
Campus Recreation
CAB

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Holy Cross Libraries
April-September 2021

The path begins at Divinity Library and ends at the clock near the Hogan Campus Center, creating a loop through the center of campus. Most of the path is accessible, although at the end there are two stairs. An alternate path has been provided.

START
1. Divinity Library reading area at side entrance.
2. Base of stairs to the Howel Anti Deco / A Canny Says.
Proceed east along sidewalk, around Howel (do not go up stairs)
3. Area at top of "grand staircase" / Sofia Kovalevsky / Body and Blood

Proceed along Lower Easy Street
4. Triangle outside of Seraph Hall / Fintan Cosgrove / The Days
Cross street (residence halls and poems will be on right)
5. Greenspace between Luthy and Hoyleman
Grace Bollen / Encounters with the Deep
6. Greenspace at corner of Clark / Jenny Perilloux / God’s Unfailing Love
7. Greenspace at corner of Brooks / Kimberly Petherbridge / Going to the Sun
8. Greenspace near entrance to Brooks / Elizabeth Nance / Photograph of Hayden
9. Greenspace at bend in slope
Torksey-O’Donnell / /
10. Call to McNulty Lawn
Adrian Doyle / Metacritic

The street leads to a nature trail with poetry by Louise Imogen Guiney!

Continue on Easy Street, looping around Brooks
11. Greenspace at bend in slope
Alexander Thurlow / More Than a Neighbor
12. Bottom of stairs leading to Hoget Emily Dickinson / Childhood Blues
13. Stairs leading from Main to parking lot
14. Stairs leading from Main to parking lot
Sophie Cosentino / Pretty Little Nightmare
15. Stairs leading from Library to parking lot
16. Corner for Summer

Continue on Easy Street, looping around Brooks
17. Hogan Campus Center
Tim Sibley / The Man Who Stood Still
18. First greenspace to the Jr
Adkins Case / The Stories of Your Life
19. Corner of second greenspace / Class of 2000 Walkway
Billy O’Brien / To Become a Snow Leopard
20. Top of stairs to Wheeler
Angela Parthusch / To Leave a Shadow
To view Poems 21-34 requires the use of stairs. Alternatively, stay on street level and follow the sidewalk towards Hogan to finish at #35. Poems 21-34 may be accessed using the digital version.

Continue down stairs and around Wheeler
21. Bottom of stairs to Wheeler
Daniel Delta / New My Mind is Like a Hungry Flower
22. Corner of Wheeler Bleece
Gena Angelucci / Want to Get Skinny Fast?
23. Bottom of stairs near Wheeler side entrance
Daniel Stadelman / Selma 1968: After World Luther King Jr.
24. Group stairs and follow sidewalk
25. Corner of path to Library and Hogan Paul Mansfield / 36/ In Closing
26. Hogan clock
FINISH
Creating the signs

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This walking route highlights original poetry from Holy Cross students, following a scenic path on the College campus.

Map and poems are available online: crossworks.holycross.edu/poetry2021
IR as solution and more
Publication type: Book gallery

Nice visual aesthetic

Attractive thumbnails

Scrolling mimics walking

Start anywhere but always get back to the beginning
GOD’S UNFAILING LOVE

Oh, how you love me
Nothing is better
Oh, how you love me
Nothing is Greater than you
Oh God, so I speak
I speak to you
I ask that you hear my heart
Your love for me is beyond words
It shelters me in seasons of wilderness
It comforts me in time of desperation
It guides me in moments of uncertainty
Your love for me
I know how to love because you are love
I know how to love because you are love
Oh God, you are there
When I am scared, you are there
Because you are always here and you are only one who can
Oh how you love me
Nothing is better than you
Oh how you love me
Nothing is Greater than you!
—St. Jesus Name Annex
-Jenny Feraud
Great reception from the community

“I really appreciated the digital version as I haven’t been able to access campus since last year. The photos reminded me of how much I’m looking forward to coming back to the Hill in the fall.”

“My parents sent it to my entire extended family, so it’s nice that they get to see what I’m up to.”

“adds so much to the overall environment of the campus: besides sports banners and posters, we also have poetry.”
Reach extends beyond “Campus” and “Poetry Walk”

World wide downloads as of 11/23/2021; inquiries about submitting collaborative or large-scale projects
Links

CrossWorks
http://crossworks.holycross.edu

Campus Poetry Walk
http://crossworks.holycross.edu/poetry2021

Poetry Walk Brochure & Map
http://crossworks.holycross.edu/poetry2021/26
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IN CLOSING

Like a song or a book
Or a breeze, you have been to me
Soothing.
It's been long, but to look
Back is pleasing. Again to me
Soothing.

A song in its echo is sweetest,
A book is best love when it's done;
And the breeze, whose passing is fleeting,
Is the memory that lasts in the sun.

Like a song or a book
Or a breeze, you have been to me
Soothing.

And now that it's ended, the joy of it's only begun.

- Paul V. Marchese
(class of 1938)