



# *Saints today. Saints for all eternity.*

## From the desk of Dr. Marco Clark

Dear Holy Cross Family and Friends,

In this month of August as vacations are winding down, I wanted to reflect on my recent trip to Ireland with my wife and her siblings. Our 11-day excursion included trips to the major cities of Dublin, Cork, Galway, Derry, and Belfast, the small towns of Donegal and Kinsale, and the village of Adare. We visited several ancient cathedrals, churches, and castles.

During our tours of Derry and Belfast in Northern Ireland. As a high school student in the 1980s, I remember watching on the daily news the fighting, protests, car bombings, and riots in the streets of these cities largely stemming from Protestant vs. Catholic tensions that dated back to the early 1600s! I would watch in disbelief as extremists from each of these Christian sects would plan attacks on one another to strike fear and intimidation as demonstrations of power and control. While walking those same city streets today, it was evident that there is