News of Fr. Nicholas Triantafilou’s retirement at the end of this school year has saddened the entire school, students, faculty, administration and board of trustees, along with our Alumni board. We have seen tremendous growth for the school and fatherly encouragement for our board under his tenure. May the Lord provide us with a new president who is as dedicated and pastoral as Fr. Nicholas. We honor and thank him for his inspired leadership and pray the Lord grant him strength, healing, and many years as he transitions from active ministry to much deserved rest, reflection, and the blessings of retirement with his family and loved ones surrounding him.

1. **A Full Time Director.** Expecting a new full-time director for our Office of Alumni Relations by the end of the Summer, we were discouraged to hear that because of low enrollment this Fall there is a freeze on hiring. We will be patient. This is still the first time in the history of the association that a director of the Alumni Office will not have other responsibilities at the school, though he or she will also be a part of the Department of Institutional Advancement team and under the direct supervision of Fr. Jim Katinas. In the meantime, Greg Floor, Presvyteras Gloria Costarakis, and John Papson will continue to ‘run’ the office as needed.

2. **Parish Partners.** Our goal set this past Fall was to double the number of parishes who were signed up and participating in the parish partner program. There were approximately 90 parishes in the Fall of 2013. By the end of the Archdiocesan Clergy Laity Assembly we had over 200 parishes enlisted. This is a great accomplishment because the work of HCHC’s Parish Partners will help our school and our Archdiocese significantly in a few important ways. Parish partners help our Schole by (1) building its awareness among the faithful, (2) extending the school’s student recruitment efforts into the parishes, and (3) helping to raise funds. Sincere thanks to all of the Alumni reps who "worked the crowds" and convinced so many more parishes to enroll during the assembly and to all of those who signed up.

3. **Improving our Alumni Data Base.** We are patiently waiting for the results from Alumni Finder, the Internet company we hired to track down over a thousand of our Alumni for whom we currently have little or no contact information. It is a top priority for us to reconnect with all of the alumni with whom we have somehow lost touch.

4. **Expansion of our Current Board.** Before, during, and after the Clergy Laity Assembly we contacted each of the Metropolitans and the Archbishop to encourage them to elect/appoint both clergy and lay representatives for their respective Metropolises/Jurisdictions. We also encouraged each Metropolis/Jurisdiction/District to find ways to cover the travel costs of their representatives for homecoming and
reunion week, which has been a crucial obstacle to greater participation. It appears that there will be several new members joining our board for our Fall homecoming meetings scheduled Thursday and Friday, October 9th and 10th. Thank you to those Hierarchs who promptly responded to our request!

5. **2014 Clergy Laity Assembly in Philadelphia.** The biannual Clergy Laity Assemblies are by far the largest gatherings of our Alumni. We plan to organize more functions and programs to engage our Alumni in the ongoing life of the school at each Assembly. This past Clergy/Laity, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios presented the Distinguished Ministries award to Brother Charlie Anthony, for his inspiring work at Panagia Philanthropini in northern Greece during our HCHC Wine and Cheese Reception on Tuesday evening. We also had our roaming reporter and cameraman, Presvytera Chrysoula Kourkounti, interview dozens of Alumni about their years at the school and how they benefitted from their formative years at their alma mater in their current vocations and ministries, while gathering important current contact information from them. Many Alumni also stopped by the HCHC booth in the exhibit hall and gave us updated contact information. Many thanks to Helen Carlos and her husband Ron for underwriting again this year the entire Wine and Cheese reception.

6. **Interconnectedness of the Alumni with the School.** Our Plug-In committee is currently planning, in conjunction with the Office of Vocation and Ministry, to bring Alumni back to campus to interact with the students and then to return as enthused ambassadors of the school for their communities and local churches. Our first 'guest' Alumnus this Fall will be Fr. Theodore Dorrance, from St. John the Baptist in Beaverton, OR. We are discussing several other means of connecting the Alumni more directly into the life of the school and see the potential that having a fully "wired" campus will have for the ongoing educational opportunities for both Alumni and students. We are even considering developing an HCHC Alumni "app" which will act as the doorway for accessing the school’s resources through their smart phones and other electronic devices.

7. **Student Recruitment.** As stated at the top of this report, enrollment this past year at HCHC was down approximately 25 students. *This is something that every single Alumnus can do something about.* We ask everyone to look around and to thoughtfully and prayerfully identify those in our communities and families that might be interested in attending Hellenic College or Holy Cross School of Theology. Try to discern who among your parishioners may have a calling or charisma that should be pursued for the glory of God and the building up of the Church. In addition, think about current or prospective college students who you think might like studying in an Orthodox Christian college environment and are interested in one of the majors offered at Hellenic –Classics & Greek Studies, Elementary Education, Human Development [Psychology], Literature & History, Management & Leadership [Business Management], and Religious Studies. Through our active involvement with the Enrollment Management Committee of the Board of Trustees we hope to better assist, in the near future, in the recruiting of potential students, in mentoring them while they attend the school, and in helping with job placement or internships once they graduate.