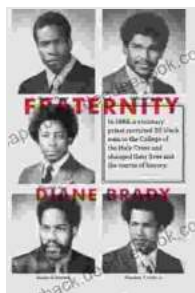


# 1968 Visionary Priest Recruited 20 Black Men To The College Of The Holy Cross

In 1968, the United States was in the midst of a tumultuous period of social and political change. The Civil Rights Movement was gaining momentum, and the Vietnam War was raging. Against this backdrop, a visionary priest named Rev. John E. Brooks embarked on a mission to bring more black students to the College of the Holy Cross, a prestigious Jesuit institution in Massachusetts.



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Brooks, who was then the director of admissions at Holy Cross, believed that the college had a responsibility to educate students from all backgrounds. He was particularly concerned about the lack of black students at Holy Cross, which at the time was predominantly white. Brooks

knew that Holy Cross could offer these students a world-class education, but he also knew that they would face challenges and prejudices that white students did not.

Undeterred, Brooks set out to recruit 20 black students to Holy Cross. He traveled to cities across the country, meeting with high school students and their families. He shared his vision for a more diverse and inclusive Holy Cross, and he promised that the college would provide these students with the support and resources they needed to succeed.

Brooks's efforts paid off. In the fall of 1968, 20 black men arrived on the campus of Holy Cross. They were a diverse group, coming from different backgrounds and with different aspirations. But they were all united by their determination to succeed and to make a difference in the world.

The black students at Holy Cross faced many challenges. They were often the only black students in their classes, and they sometimes felt isolated and alone. They also faced prejudice and discrimination from some of their white classmates and professors. But they persevered, and they went on to achieve great things.

Many of the black students who graduated from Holy Cross in 1968 went on to successful careers in law, medicine, business, and education. They became leaders in their communities and in the world. They have made a significant contribution to society, and they have helped to make Holy Cross a more diverse and inclusive institution.

The story of the 20 black men who were recruited to Holy Cross in 1968 is a story of courage, determination, and hope. It is a story that is worth remembering, and it is a story that continues to inspire.

## **The Legacy of the 20 Black Men**

The legacy of the 20 black men who were recruited to Holy Cross in 1968 is still felt today. These men helped to pave the way for a more diverse and inclusive Holy Cross, and they continue to inspire students and faculty alike.

In 2018, Holy Cross celebrated the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the 20 black men. The college hosted a series of events to commemorate this historic moment, and to honor the legacy of these men.

One of the most moving events was a panel discussion with several of the original 20 black men. They shared their experiences at Holy Cross, and they talked about the impact that the college had on their lives.

The panel discussion was a powerful reminder of the importance of diversity and inclusion. It also showed how the legacy of the 20 black men continues to inspire students and faculty at Holy Cross.

## **The Future of Diversity and Inclusion at Holy Cross**

The College of the Holy Cross is committed to diversity and inclusion. The college has made significant progress in recent years, but there is still more work to be done.

Holy Cross is working to increase the diversity of its student body, faculty, and staff. The college is also working to create a more inclusive campus climate, where all students feel welcome and respected.

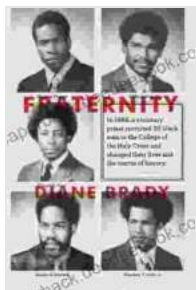
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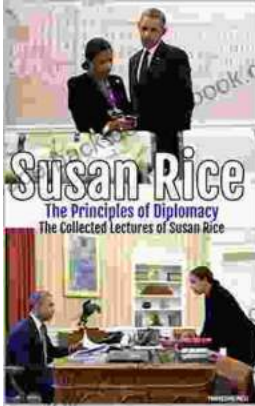


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