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Vincent Rougeau, JD is the president of the College of the Holy Cross. A nationally respected expert in legal education and Catholic social thought, President Rougeau is a renowned scholar of racial justice and legal education, and a leader in Jesuit higher education.

President Rougeau received his bachelor's degree magna cum laude in international relations from Brown University in 1985, and his JD from Harvard Law School in 1988, where he served as articles editor of the Harvard Human Rights Journal. He is a senior fellow at the Centre for Theology and Community in London. Previously, President Rougeau served as dean of the Boston College Law School and was the inaugural director of the new Boston College Forum on Racial Justice in America. He also served as director of the Center of Law and Government at the Notre Dame School of Law. President Rougeau was an assistant and associate professor of law at Loyola University Chicago from 1991 until 1997.

President Rougeau has written extensively on law and religion, with a particular focus on Catholic social teaching and the law. His book *Christians in the American Empire: Faith and Citizenship in the New World Order*, was released by Oxford University Press in 2008. His research considers the relationships of religious identity, citizenship, and membership in highly mobile and increasingly multicultural democratic societies, and his work has been published in books and peer reviewed journals for almost 30 years. At the Centre for Theology and Community in London, President Rougeau investigated broad-based community organizing, immigration, and citizenship in the UK as part of the Just Communities Project.

An advocate for change in legal education, President Rougeau writes and speaks extensively on legal education reform. His scholarship and leadership have shown his profound dedication to the Jesuit, Catholic mission, building a diverse and respectful community, and educating students toward seeking justice, and making a meaningful difference in our world.

President Rougeau is a former president of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), and previously served as a member of the Executive Committee of AALS and as chair of the AALS Deans Steering Committee. He has also served on the Council of the Boston Bar Association and is currently on the boards of Newton-Wellesley Hospital and Commonweal Magazine.