Lyons is a hall with incredible history and architecture (opened in 1927, renovated in summer 2014, and featuring a beautiful archway that looks onto St. Mary’s Lake), and its residents are incredibly loyal to their hall and proud to call themselves Lyonites. Most of them think getting assigned to Lyons is the next best thing to getting sorted into Gryffindor.

Lyons Hall is named after Professor Joseph A. Lyons, the first layman buried in the Holy Cross community cemetery. We continue to reflect on the core values identified on his tombstone: gentleness, kindness, and self-sacrifice. We also take pride in “keeping it classy”, with the women dressing up in black dresses and lion-ear headbands for the first pep rally of each school year. Each fall we sponsor a run to remember a Lyonite, Mara Fox, who was hit and killed by a drunk driver when she was a freshman at Notre Dame in 1993.

**Quick Facts**

*Number of residents:* 183  
*Hall Colors:* Black and Gold  
*Hall Mascot:* Lion  
*Signature Events:* Mara Fox Run, Recess  
*Faculty-in-Residence:* Professor Ed Hums (Accountancy) and Shirley Hums (ND staff)  
*Location:* South Quad, North of the Rock

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Lyonites had 42 women who went on our Fiat Winter Retreat in 2016.
The Assistant Rector Position

The Assistant Rectors in Lyons Hall have a unique role, sharing some responsibilities with the Rector, and sharing between themselves some responsibilities unique to the Assistant Rector position. Those responsibilities shared by the two ARs are flexible, and can be assigned according to strengths, preferences, or seniority within the Hall. The most important qualities are an open heart and a willingness to support the growth and development of young women.

Responsibilities shared with the Rector include:

- Duty 2-3 nights per week, in addition to coverage for Fall, Spring, Thanksgiving, and Easter break as determined by Head Staff;
- Participation in weekly meetings of head staff (both ARs and the Rector) and hall staff (Rector, ARs and six undergraduate RAs);
- Developing and leading in-hall staff training;
- Developing and leading hall council (hall government) training;
- Supervision of Hall Council;
- Supporting the spiritual life of the hall.

Responsibilities unique to the Assistant Rector position include:

- Oversight of Hall Council and Spiritual Life: both will collaborate in advising president, vp, and executive board, while advising individual commissioners and assisting with hall events, liturgy planning, and other community-building activities;
- Leading/supporting Hall Council training, with planning retreats taking place at the beginning of each semester, as well as when new commissioners are selected in the Spring;
- Supporting signature events, responding to the needs of the hall and working with offices on campus to develop engaging programming addressing social, academic, spiritual, and health concerns;
- Working with the hall Treasurer and the Rector to maintain Hall finance records and develop and follow a budget for both Hall Council and Hall Staff.