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Chaminade-Madonna holds 34th Annual Founders' Awards Archbishop Favalora Among Honorees

Hollywood, FL – Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory honored Most Reverend John C. Favalora, Archbishop of Miami, for his part in building the foundation and character of the school at its Thirty-Fourth Annual Founders' Dinner Dance held on Saturday, January 30th at the Signature Grand in Davie.

Archbishop John C. Favalora was one of four honorees receiving the Founder's Award this year. Other honorees included Hollywood residents and former Chaminade-Madonna employees Mr. William "Pops" and Mrs. Rose Stierle, and former Chaminade-Madonna Board of Trustees member Mrs. Nancy Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Stierle received the award in honor of their combined 50 years of service to the school. Mrs. Sullivan was honored for her instrumental role in the establishment of Chaminade-Madonna's Learning Center.

Over 100 guests, including prominent members of the Society of Mary (the Marianists), the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and the Archdiocese of Miami, as well as South Florida community leaders and past Founders' Award recipients joined the Chaminade-Madonna community in recognition of the honorees' commitment to developing the Catholic and Marianist foundation and family-like community of the school.

In his acceptance speech, Archbishop Favalora urged those in attendance to continue to support Catholic education and Chaminade-Madonna. Taking to heart the Archbishop's encouragement, a strong supporter and friend of Chaminade-Madonna, surprised the Chaminade-Madonna community with the announcement of a large donation in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Stierle.

Perhaps the most heartwarming portion of the evening was the tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Stierle by four of their eight children. "I don't think my parents ever imagined their family would enlarge to include all of the students at Chaminade-Madonna," said Rosemarie Stierle-Worton, one of the couple's daughters.

"Chaminade-Madonna is blessed to count Archbishop Favalora, Mr. and Mrs. Stierle, and Mrs. Sullivan as members of the Chaminade-Madonna family," said Rev. Larry Doersching, S.M., D.Min., President of Chaminade-Madonna, in his

closing remarks. "We are profoundly grateful for them, and for all of our guests in attendance. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect conclusion to the evening's festivities than a major contribution to our school's next 50 years."

About Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory

Chaminade-Madonna, a Catholic and Marianist high school, educates the heart and soul as well as the mind and body. It is a family-like community in which individuals of all backgrounds shape and share their faith, achieve excellence, and become caring participants and leaders in the service of community, church and those in need.

Chaminade-Madonna is one of sixteen schools in the United States sponsored by the Marianist Province of the United States. The high school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and has received recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, the highest award given by the U.S. Department of Education. The 2009-2010 school year marks Chaminade-Madonna's 50th Anniversary Jubilee. For more information about Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory, please visit www.CMLions.org.

Photo Captions

January 30, 2010 – Past recipients of the Chaminade-Madonna Founders' Award joined the celebration in honor of this year's honorees. Front Row (left to right): 2010 Founders' Award honorees Rose Stierle, William "Pops" Stierle, Nancy Sullivan, and Archbishop John C. Favalora. Back Row (left to right): Founder's Award past recipients Bro. Stephen Glodek, S.M., Bro. Ed Unferdofer, S.M., Wayne Schuchts, Sr. Marie Danielle Amspacher, SSND, Valerie Panciera-Rieth, Irving Panciera, Laura Friscia, Rev. Dan Doyle, S.M., Rev. Patrick Murnane, Bro. Don Neff, S.M., Robert Minnaugh. Photo Courtesy Bryn-Alan Prestige Portraits.

January 30, 2010 – Archbishop John C. Favalora accepts his Chaminade-Madonna Founders' Award from presenters Bro. Stephen Glodek, S.M., Society of Mary Provincial Superior (left), and Chaminade-Madonna President, Rev. Larry Doersching, S.M., D.Min. (right).