

## NEWS RELEASE

### MOELLER CELEBRATES FOUNDER'S DAY, PRESENTS AWARDS

CINCINNATI, January 21, 2010 – The Archbishop Moeller High School community, along with their Marianist Brothers, recently celebrated Founder's Day with Mass and a presentation of their annual Founder's Awards. Fr. Chris Wittmann, S.M., was the main celebrant. "In his homily, Fr. Chris commended the students for their dedication to Christ and the public symbols of that dedication, which are so easily observed among them," said Sr. Judy Klei who coordinates this program. At the end of the Liturgy, Moeller's Founder's Awards were presented to Fr. Thomas Kreidler and Ed Jamieson.

Fr. Tom Kreidler has a great passion for Catholic education. He grew up in Deer Park and attended St. John's grade school and then St. Xavier High School, graduating in 1969. From St. Xavier, he went directly to St. Gregory's Seminary and graduated in 1973 with a degree in English. In 1977 he received an M.A. in sacred theology from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, and in 1984 he earned a M.Ed. from Xavier University in education administration. Four years later he earned an Ed.D. from the University of Cincinnati. Using his gifts and the skills he developed, he spent 19 years in Catholic secondary education.

Fr. Kreidler came to Moeller in 1977 after his ordination and served as chair of the Religion Department Chair and later assistant principal/dean of students. In addition, he coached Moeller's freshman baseball team and reserve soccer team. During his years at Moeller he also served as associate pastor at Sacred Heart in Reading, Good Shepherd, All Saints, and St. Susanna's. (Currently, Fr. Kreidler is pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish.) In 1990, the Archdiocese reassigned Fr. Kreidler to Springfield Catholic Central High School, where he served as principal until 1996. However, he remained connected to the Moeller community and now serves on the school's Advisory Board. "Fr. Kreidler received Moeller's Founder's Day Award for both his dedication to Catholic education and his commitment to Moeller and its Marianist vision of education," says Principal Blane Collison.

Award recipient Ed Jamieson is a 1995 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he majored in business administration and minored in theology. He then worked at GE and earned the company's Capital Marketing Leadership Award in 1998. That same year he came to Moeller to teach religion and business/computer systems and to coach wrestling. When Moeller introduced the House System five years ago, Jamieson was named Pillar House dean and then later became the House System's director. This year he initiated and worked with the House deans to create the Man of Moeller course, which is based on The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey and also focuses on teaching the students the five characteristics of a Marianist education.