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MOELLER NAMES FAUST and FLAHERTY HONORARY
50th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRS

CINCINNATI, February 19, 2010 – This year will mark the beginning of Archbishop Moeller’s 50th Anniversary. As part of the commemoration of the school’s golden anniversary, two legendary leaders of Moeller have been named honorary chairs: former Head Football Coach Gerry Faust and Guidance Department Chair Brother Robert Flaherty, S.M.

Gerry Faust was one of eight faculty members when Moeller first opened its doors to 196 freshmen in the fall of 1960. However, he will always be synonymous with Moeller football. He coached 18 years (1963-80) producing a record of 174-17-2. He had seven unbeaten seasons, four mythical national titles, and five state titles in his last six seasons before he accepted the head football position at Notre Dame University. But he was also a teacher, an athletic director, and a motivating force who continues to inspire countless youth and adults with his faith and passion for excellence.

“Gerry Faust is a Moeller icon,” says Principal Blane Collison, “and his leadership has continued throughout the years.”

Brother Robert Flaherty, S.M., will be celebrating his 50th anniversary as a Marianist this year and his 47th year as a leader within Moeller High School. He first came to Moeller in the fall of 1963 to teach religion, history, and serve as the moderator for the Sodality, a co-curricular group that focused on religious and spiritual activities within the school. He then chaired Moeller’s Social Studies Department and later became chair of the Guidance Department, a position he still holds.

During his tenure at Moeller, Bro. Flaherty has held numerous advisory and supervisory positions. As a spiritual leader, Bro. Flaherty has served as the school's football, lacrosse, and wrestling chaplain. For 35 years he served as the moderator of the Student Government Program, and he has served as the moderator of the National Honor Society since 1999. In addition, he has moderated the Dad's Club, Cheerleaders, Greater Cincinnati High School Traffic Safety League, and he has supervised of grounds and coordinated Moeller's facilities.

"Few would realize how many 'hats' Bro. Flaherty has worn over the years," said Collison, "and he has always worn them with great honor and integrity."

Moeller will soon be launching a new website celebrating the school and its 50th Anniversary: www.CelebrateMoeller.org <<http://www.celebratemoeller.org/>>. You will be able to check this site for more information about the anniversary celebration, its events, the school's history, and much more. For example, one of the upcoming anniversary activities is a monthly alumni speaker series held at the Montgomery Inn. Several notable alums will be featured: House Leader John Boehner '68 will be speaking on Friday, February 26; Lt. Col. Dave Thole '85 (Purple Heart recipient) will be speaking on Friday, March 26; and Adam Molina '96 (Global Head of Business Development, 1798 Global Partners, of New York City) will be speaking on Friday, April 23.

The luncheon events will be held from 11 AM-1 PM, and the series is open to all Moeller alumni, parents, and friends. All speaker series events cost \$25 and include lunch. Reservations can be made by sending a check to Moeller High School, Attn. Debbie Geiger, Advancement Director, 9001 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242, or call 791-1680, ext. 1320, or e-mail DGeiger@Moeller.org <<mailto:DGeiger@Moeller.org>>. Reservations can also be made online at www.Moeller.org <<http://www.moeller.org/>> (see "Alumni," then "Upcoming Events").

In preparation for next year's activities, Moeller is collecting school memorabilia for the 50th celebration. If you have Moeller memorabilia to donate or share for the celebration, please contact Johanna Kremer, communications director, at (513) 791-1680, ext. 1330, or e-mail JKremer@Moeller.org <<mailto:JKremer@Moeller.org>>.

Meanwhile, for more information about Moeller's 50th anniversary or to get involved, please contact Moeller Advancement Director Debbie Geiger at DGeiger@Moeller.org <<mailto:DGeiger@Moeller.org>> .

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