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Dear Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Supporter:

We are pleased to announce that the School Sisters of Notre Dame are the recipients of the 2015 Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools (QCES) Foundation's "Friend of Catholic Education Award." Established in 2009, the "Friend of Catholic Education Award" recognizes an individual, couple or organization whose contributions have significantly fostered and strengthened Catholic education in the Quincy community.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame will be recognized for their many years of dedicated service and contributions in support of Catholic education at the Seventh Annual "**Friend of Catholic Education Award**" Dinner to be held on **Saturday, January 31st, 2015**, at the Quincy Holiday Inn at 4821 Oak St. Dinner will be catered by "Tony's Too." A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards program at 7 p.m. The dinner honoring the School Sisters of Notre Dame is being held as a fundraiser in support of the QCES Foundation's Tuition-Assistance Fund for families with children enrolled in one of Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools.

On the feast of All Saints, November 1, 1859, Mother Caroline Friess, a School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND) originally from Bavaria, arrived in Quincy via steamboat. At the urgent request of Bishop Juncker of Alton, she decided to survey the situation and consider the possibility of sending sisters to teach the children. The news of her arrival spread quickly among the German population. Upon leaving Mass at St. Boniface Church the next morning, she was greeted with a guard of honor and the ardent plea of the people, "Give us teachers for our children! Send us Sisters – soon! soon!"

Within a few weeks, a school/convent was ready for the sisters. On December 27, 1859, two sisters and a candidate arrived to teach the 400 students. The SSNDs would teach at St. Boniface for the next 119 years. Two years later, the people pleaded for further opportunities for the older girls. In 1861, a music teacher and a needlework teacher were sent to Quincy by Mother Caroline. The Select School for Girls (1861-1867) became the nucleus for St. Mary Institute/ Academy (1867-1924), Notre Dame of Quincy (1924-1940), Notre Dame High School (1940-1976), and Quincy Notre Dame High School (1976-Present).

During the past 155 years, more than 100 young women from Quincy have entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame. During these years, more than 1,040 SSNDs have served as principals and teachers within the various schools and in a variety of parish ministries and outreach within Quincy. Currently, four SSNDs continue their ministries in Quincy. Sister Jeanette Feldott, teaches at Quincy Notre Dame; Sister Jacqueline Sellmeyer is a pastoral care assistant at St. Vincent Nursing Home; Sister Joann Volk is a substitute teacher for Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools; and Sister Jane Wand is a massage therapist.

We sincerely hope you will join us in honoring the School Sisters of Notre Dame, while supporting Catholic elementary education in Quincy, by attending the dinner on Saturday, January 31st, 2015. Please consider

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purchasing tickets at \$100 per person, or becoming a “Corporate Sponsor” by purchasing a table of eight (8) for \$1,000, which includes being listed as a “Corporate Sponsor” in the dinner program that evening, as well as in two ads that will run in the Quincy Herald-Whig on Sunday, January 18th and Sunday, January 25th, 2015.

In addition to your choice of one of three entrées, beer, wine, and soft drinks, as well as iced tea and coffee with dinner, are included in the ticket price. A cash bar will also be available for those who wish to purchase premium beers and wines (by the glass or bottle), and cocktails.

To purchase individual tickets or to sponsor a table of eight (8), please fill out the enclosed reservation form, indicating the entrée preferences for you and your guest(s), and mail the completed form, along with a check made payable to the *QCES Foundation Dinner*, to Paul R. Rittof, Executive Director of the QCES Foundation, 2223 St. Anthony Rd., Quincy, IL 62305. **Corporate Table Sponsorship reservations must be received by Monday, January 12th, 2015, in order to be published in the two Quincy Herald-Whig ads. Dinner reservations for all others are preferred by Friday, January 23rd, 2015.** For more information about the dinner, please contact Paul at 217-779-3157 or by email at p.rittof@cospq.org.

We hope to see you at the dinner!

Sincerely,



Jared & Elizabeth Haugh
FOCE Award Dinner Co-Chairpersons



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If interested in adding your name to the lists of those helping to support Quincy’s Catholic Elementary Schools or the QCES Foundation, please contact Paul Rittof at 217-779-3157 or p.rittof@cospq.org