



Dear Cardinal Mooney Community,

You should have recently received a letter from Sister Lucia Haas regarding her impending retirement this summer. Please let me take a few moments to give you a little insight, and reminder of how much she has accomplished at Cardinal Mooney and how much she has meant to the community.

Catholic education has been a part of Sister Lucia's life since her childhood. Sister Mary Lucia Haas grew up in North Ridgeville, Ohio, attended St. Peter's School, and eventually attended Elyria Catholic High School in Elyria, Ohio. She attended Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Science. She received a Master's Degree in Mathematics from William & Mary in Williamsport, Virginia.

In September of 1959, Lucia entered the Sisters of Notre Dame. In 1963, she began her career in Catholic education at St. Peter's School in Cleveland, OH. This began what will be a 54-year commitment to Catholic education when she officially retires this summer. She spent 39 of those years in the Diocese of Venice and 38 as a faculty member at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. She was also on the faculty at Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, VA and at Lorain Catholic, in Lorain, OH.

While at Cardinal Mooney High School, Sister Lucia taught Chemistry, Theology, and Mathematics. Sister has served as principal and has been the President of Cardinal Mooney since 1994.

Sister's accomplishments while at CMHS are too many to mention in this letter, but I will name a few. It became evident early in Sister's career what her legacy would be at Cardinal Mooney. She made it her mission to help provide a Catholic education to those who might otherwise not be able to afford it. Years ago, she established the school's Adopt-A-Student program. In 2011, she established the Sister Lucia Haas Endowment Fund for student tuition assistance. Both came to fruition due to the relationships and partnerships that she created in the community. Both the Adopt-A-Student program and the Endowment are helping current families to send their sons and daughters to CMHS. She was instrumental in the building of several of Cardinal Mooney's current structures: The Patterson Pavilion (current gym), All Saint's Chapel, and the science/math wing addition to the main administration building were completed during her time as Principal and/or President.

Sister Lucia's presence, leadership, and selfless nature have touched many lives in her 54 years in Catholic education. Sister will be greatly missed by the school and by the entire community! A retirement reception is currently being planned for May 20th. We will be forwarding more details to the Cardinal Mooney Community as they become available.

Sincerely,

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Cardinal Mooney High School