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SR. NOREEN HOLLY, S.C. CELEBRATES 10 YEARS AS PRINCIPAL

St. Vincent Martyr School Honors Her Decade of Service to the School

MADISON, NJ, May 17, 2021 — On Monday, May 17, 2021, St. Vincent Martyr School in Madison, NJ celebrated the tenth anniversary of the appointment of Sr. Noreen Holly, S.C. as principal of the school. The day was filled with surprises coordinated by Vice Principal Anne Marie Gisoldi. In the morning dropoff line, families decorated their cars and greeted Sr. Noreen with well wishes, cards & gifts. A large 10th anniversary sign also adorned the lawn outside the school. Each student from Preschool through eighth grade contributed cards, pictures and warm words to a binder presented by each grade to Sr. Noreen.

Special visitors arrived at the school to mark the occasion. Madison's Mayor Robert Conley stopped by to proclaim the day as "Sr. Noreen Day," and commended Sr. Noreen for "her commitment, dedication and leadership during her 10 years as principal of St. Vincent Martyr School." Later, Mrs. McCarthy, who typically performs for the school on St. Patrick's Day, entertained Sister with Irish music on her piano accordion.

Sr. Noreen received a video montage of greetings, assembled by the faculty & staff. She later joined the eight graders to watch a slideshow featuring photos of her throughout her years at SVMS.

Many school families also celebrated Sr. Noreen's accomplishments via the school's social media accounts, praising her leadership & professionalism, and calling her "treasure," and a "blessing."

Reflecting upon the day's events, Sr. Noreen stated, "Monday was a huge surprise, and I am very touched by the congratulatory gestures that came my way that day."

During Sr. Noreen's tenure, the school's reputation and enrollment have grown tremendously. She helped to oversee the expansion of the school to include a middle-school program and eventually a building renovation and addition to accommodate the burgeoning student population.

A native of Listowel in County Kerry, Ireland, Sr. Noreen embarked upon a teaching career after her arrival in the United States. She later joined the Sisters of Charity and will celebrate her 30th Jubilee next year. Sr. Noreen was a teacher and a principal in Catholic schools in Jersey City and Paterson before joining St. Vincent Martyr School, first as a teacher and later as its Principal.

ABOUT ST. VINCENT MARTYR SCHOOL

St. Vincent Martyr School in Madison, NJ is a co-ed Catholic school offering education to students in preschool through Grade 8. St. Vincent Martyr School has educated generations of students since its founding in 1848. It is the oldest Catholic school in the Diocese of Paterson.

For more information about St. Vincent Martyr School, visit our website at <https://www.svmsnj.org>.

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