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Farewell for Last Notre Dame at St. Francis Borgia Regional High School

May 23, 2006, ST. LOUIS, MO – On Sunday, June 4, 2006, St. Francis Borgia Regional High School (SFBRRHS) in Washington, Missouri, is holding a farewell reception for Sister Mary Paul Holdmeyer, SSND, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. An educator for 54 years, Sister Mary Paul is retiring from teaching this year at SFBRRHS. She is an alumna from the class of 1950 and began teaching chemistry and physics at the high school in 1989.

Sister Mary Paul's retirement at SFBRRHS marks the end of the School Sisters of Notre Dame educating at the secondary level in Washington, Missouri. The School Sisters established their legacy of service to St. Francis Borgia Parish 147 years ago when they arrived to teach at the grade school. The sisters' connection to the high school was initiated with the introduction of a four-year high school program in 1933; construction on the building was completed in 1935. The current structure of St. Francis Borgia Regional High School opened in 1982.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame is an international congregation of nearly 4,000 Catholic sisters. They educate with a world vision believing that the world can be changed through the transformation of persons, especially women, youth and the poor and marginalized. Committed to this goal, they respond to the varying needs of the church and world through various ministries such as education, healthcare, social outreach, and pastoral ministry. The St. Louis Province numbers more than 500 women who serve in 20 of 50 U.S. states and nine other countries. For more information, visit www.ssnd-sl.org.

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