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## MAGNIFICAT HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT, MOIRA CLARK '77

### *Alumna, Long-time Educator to Take Over Leadership Role*

(Rocky River, Ohio) – The Board of Directors of Magnificat High School announced that Moira Clark '77 has been appointed to serve as the school's sixth president. With the approval of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, Clark succeeds Jenifer Hebda Halliday '95, who recently informed the board that she will not continue in her role after her current contract expires. The transition will occur over the summer months, with Clark assuming the presidency before school begins in the fall.

"The board is grateful to Jen for her leadership these past two years, and her decision to inform us well in advance of her departure," said Colleen O'Neil, board chairperson. "Fortunately, we have the right person already on staff and ready to assume the role without delay. Moira is a natural and obvious choice. She has a deep love for the school, a deep commitment to its mission, and a deep appreciation for the culture and heritage of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary."

Clark is a 1981 graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, and received her master's in religious studies from John Carroll University. She joined the faculty of Magnificat in 1994 as a theology teacher, later serving as director of campus ministry and, most recently, as dean of student life and formation. In this position, she managed all facets of the department of student life, overseeing admissions, athletics, campus ministry, counseling, student life and summer programs. She also serves as a member of the school's leadership team.

"I am very grateful to the board for this opportunity to lead Magnificat as president," Clark said. "Magnificat is a truly special place, where we all work together to bring the mission to life by creating an educational environment for our students that is faith-filled, loving and respectful. We have a proud sense of history and heritage, and I look forward to continuing the Magnificat legacy."

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"Moira is uniquely qualified to step into this role at a critical time, to engage with members of our community and build on the school's success," O'Neill said. "Most important, she has the trust and support of the Magnificat community – our faculty, staff, students and alumnae, as well as the Sisters. Together with our very strong leadership team and dedicated faculty and staff, Moira will continue the school's mission of educating our young women to learn, lead and serve."

As president, Clark will be responsible for implementing the school's strategic plan, directing advancement and alumnae initiatives, and overseeing marketing and admissions campaigns. She is the school's third lay leader in its 62-year history.

### ABOUT MAGNIFICAT HIGH SCHOOL

Located in Rocky River, Ohio, Magnificat is a strong, faith-based community with a mission and purpose to develop confident, compassionate and courageous young women. Our women are called to learn, lead and serve in the spirit of Mary's Magnificat. Founded in 1955 by the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, Magnificat offers a wide variety of academic, athletic, and experiential learning opportunities.

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