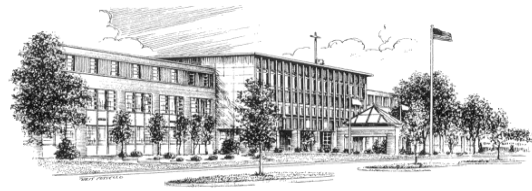


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**Padua Franciscan High School**

# Press Release

## **Padua Franciscan High School President Ends Term**

PARMA, Ohio -- (November 9, 2012) Fr. Theodore (Ted) Haag, O.F.M., president of Padua Franciscan High School, has decided to end his tenure with the close of the 2012-2013 school year. Fr. Ted will remain in the Cleveland area to do other ministry while assisting in the care of his elderly mother. He will remain available to assist Padua with its spiritual programs as well.

Haag has served as president of Padua Franciscan High School since July 2003. He has been associated with the school since 1999, assisting with the school's campus ministry program. In 2002, he was appointed as special assistant to the president and was a Provincial appointee to the Board of Trustees.

During Haag's tenure, the school saw a dramatic increase in financial aid support and initiated several new programs including the highly successful MedTrack program for students interested in a career in science or medicine.

The Board of Trustees has already begun the candidate review process with hopes to announce Fr. Ted's successor early in 2013.

"Fr. Ted has been the leader of mission and ministry at Padua Franciscan," said Jerry Koler, chairman of Padua's Board of Trustees. "His tenure will be remembered as one of compassion and one that helped the Board clearly understand its own role in the philosophy of St. Francis of Assisi."

Fr. Haag reflects, "For 12 years I have had the honor and the privilege of ministering to the Padua Franciscan community... There is no time that I have not loved being a part of this amazing place, being a member of this incredible community. I am so very grateful for the grace and blessing that this community has been in my life."

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**School background notes:** Padua Franciscan is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is the largest private, co-educational secondary school in northeast Ohio. Today, it is one of less than twenty high schools officially chartered by the State of Ohio as college-preparatory. In 2004 and 2006, Padua was named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic secondary schools by the Acton Institute, and since 2007 has been recognized as one of the best schools in Ohio by the Gerber Report. Padua is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement as well as the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association. An Ohio corporation, Padua was founded by the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart of Saint Louis, Missouri, and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. As a school in the Franciscan tradition, its mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.

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