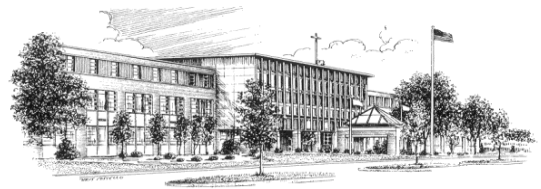


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## **Padua Assistant Appointed Head Volleyball Coach**

(PARMA, OH) May 17: Jim Beharry has been hired by Padua Franciscan High School to replace retiring volleyball head coach Tony Messina.

Beharry, who is director of the Maverick Volleyball Club in Parma, served alongside Messina for five years as the Lady Bruins captured State volleyball titles in 2008 and 2009. Their impressive 104-26 record included regional runners-up teams in 2007 and 2010, as well as North Coast League titles from 2007-2009.

Coach Beharry began his volleyball coaching career in 1992 as volunteer assistant coach at Cleveland State University. During 1994-95, he was assistant volleyball coach at Lake Erie College. He then became head of the program at Berea High School before coming to Padua Franciscan. Coincidentally, during that period at Berea, it was Tony Messina who served as an assistant to Beharry.

When asked to comment on netting the coveted job of leading Padua's volleyball program, Coach Beharry summarized all expectations by saying, "I look forward to carrying on the tradition and excitement of Padua volleyball."

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**School background notes:** Padua Franciscan is located in Parma, Ohio. Padua is the largest private, co-educational secondary school in the Cleveland area. 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. In 2007 and 2009, an independent study of Ohio Graduation Test results placed Padua Franciscan High School in the top 6 percent of secondary schools in the State.

Padua is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as well as the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Agency. An Ohio corporation, Padua was founded in 1961 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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