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Padua Franciscan High School

Press Release

Padua Franciscan High School sets record & raises \$14,800 cash in 20 minutes during Coin Wars competition for charity

PARMA, Ohio – (December 7, 2016) **Padua Franciscan High School set a new school record collecting \$14,822 cash for the needy in less than 20 minutes.** One-hundred percent of the proceeds will be going to charities, including Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, local food pantries and many other worthy causes.

During our annual Coin Wars competition, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and faculty/staff compete against each other to raise the most money. It's an action-packed competition involving the entire school. Students bring baggies full of coins and cash they saved or collected from loved ones throughout the year. The class who raises the most money for charity wins! (This year the freshman class won!)

Christmas For Others is the largest student-run fundraiser in Northeast Ohio. It is a program designed to make the holidays brighter for the less fortunate. Coin Wars is just one of the many events we do during the month of December. In addition to the \$14,822 from Coin Wars, our school raises an additional \$20,000 for the needy by holding a Spaghetti Dinner, French Toast Breakfast and many other fundraisers. Students also collect thousands of items (food, clothing, books and toys) for the underprivileged. This year, donations will be distributed to dozens of worthy causes during our CFO Mass on Friday, December 16, 2016.

For 45 years, the Padua community has come together in the Franciscan spirit of giving. Since its inception in 1971, CFO has raised nearly \$500,000 for charity. CFO is the largest student-run fundraiser in Northeast Ohio. It is sponsored, organized and operated by the students, under the direction of Padua's Key (Kiwanis) Club.

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School Background: Padua Franciscan High School is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is a college-preparatory, co-educational school with 755 students. Padua was founded by Franciscans in 1961 and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. The school's mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.