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**Padua Franciscan High School**

# Press Release

## **Padua Franciscan High School Volleyball Wins Division II State Title**

PARMA, Ohio – (November 11, 2013) Padua Franciscan High School is energized after their Ohio High School Athletic Association state volleyball tournament win over the weekend at Wright State University and will celebrate with a school rally on **Tuesday, November 12 at 2 p.m.** in the gym. The high school is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio.

The Lady Bruins played Friday, November 8 against Beaumont winning three out of four sets to advance. The final match was played Saturday, November 9 against Kettering Archbishop Alter with the Lady Bruins winning in four sets again, 23-25, 25-12, 25-21, and 25-21. This is the third state title for the Padua Franciscan Volleyball program in six years.

The volleyball team has held a national ranking according to MaxPreps Volleyball all season, currently ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the country. They were North Coast League (NCL) champs once again, making 2013 their thirteenth NCL title (1990, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012). Prior to this season, the Bruins have advanced to the District Finals eight times (2001, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011), won six District Championships (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012), advanced to the Regional Finals five times (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012), won two Regional Finals (2008, 2009) and won two OHSAA Division II State Championship (2008, 2009).

“We are very proud of our volleyball team and everyone involved in the program. The players and coaches did a fantastic job all season staying focused on the goal of winning the state title. Winning the state championship has brought an incredible amount of excitement to our school community. We had tremendous support from the parents and school community throughout the season and especially during the state tournament weekend. It was a great weekend for the entire Padua community,” said Athletic Director Kevin Leigh.

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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.