



## Mount Mercy Academy Names Margaret M. Cronin as its First Lay President.

Margaret (Peggy) M. Cronin, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees and the Sisters of Mercy as President of Mount Mercy Academy. Margaret, a graduate of the class of 1978, will begin her duties at the 111- year-old academy immediately. Ms. Cronin will succeed Sister Mary Ellen Twist, RSM who retired on June 30, 2015.

“Margaret Cronin has Mercy in her DNA. Her Mount Mercy Academy education and the teachings of the Sisters of Mercy Foundress Catherine McAuley have guided her life. Ms. Cronin’s business experience and her organization and administrative skills are impressive,” said Kathleen Mehlretter, ‘72, Chair of the Mount Mercy Board of Trustees.

Ms. Cronin is a 1988 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, with a Master’s degree in Administration. She holds a Bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and an Associate’s degree from Trocaire College, where in 1990, she was selected an Alumnus of the Year. In 2001, she earned an Education Leadership Certification from Harvard University. She currently serves as Vice President of the University of Notre Dame Western New York Alumni Board of Directors.

Prior to moving to Los Angeles, California in 1993, Ms.Cronin, who is also a Registered Nurse, served as Vice-President for Mercy Hospital and Vice President of Clinical Services for Hospice Buffalo. In California Ms. Cronin worked as an executive organizational and management consultant. Her clients included The University of Southern California, UCLA, Stanford University and The University of Maryland Health System. She was the Director of Education and Organizational and Career Development at The California Institute of Technology (Caltech).

Ms. Cronin recently returned to Buffalo and for the last year has served as the Campus Minister at Mount Mercy Academy. Peggy stated, “Whoever said you can’t return home wasn’t lucky enough to have graduated from Mount Mercy Academy. This last year I have been fortunate enough to have witnessed firsthand the exceptional quality of a Mercy Education. The students, faculty, staff and families amazed me every day. I am honored and excited about being a part of such a critically important organization.

Mount Mercy Academy is an all-girls high school located at 88 Red Jacket Pkwy, Buffalo, New York, founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1904. Mount Mercy Academy is dedicated to educating young women for academic excellence, compassionate service,

Christian leadership, global awareness and life-long learning. Rooted in Catherine McAuley's vision for women and those who are poor, Mount Mercy affirms the uniqueness and dignity of individuals and fosters faith with a commitment to the challenges of building a just society.

Mount Mercy Academy offers the unique Academy of Science and Healthcare which exposes students to various career opportunities in the science and healthcare fields and then, in junior and senior year, offers shadowing of professionals and internships in the field.