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Evening of Excellence Awards Dinner will Honor Three Catholic Central Luminaries

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 5, 2011 – Sister Robert Ann Erno, a Dominican teaching Sister at Catholic Central High School, will receive a Lifetime Service Award for her 41 years of service at the school's first annual Evening of Excellence Awards Dinner. The gala dinner and program will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, at the Eberhard Center of Grand Valley State University in downtown Grand Rapids.

An endowed scholarship – the Education Excellence Fund – will be established during the evening in honor of Sr. Robert Ann and the legacy of the Sisters of St. Dominic who were instrumental in founding Catholic Central and have served as administrators and teachers at the school since its beginnings in 1906. Sr. Robert Ann is the last teaching Sister to serve in a Grand Rapids Catholic high school.

The evening also is an occasion to recognize two outstanding Catholic Central alumni. Receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award will be 1975 graduate Peter Ragauss, senior vice president and CFO of Houston oil and gas equipment supplier Baker Hughes. President and CEO of Roanoke, VA-based Advance Auto Parts Darren Jackson will accept the Dominican Spirit Award. Jackson is a 1982 grad.

The Evening of Excellence Awards Dinner is intended as a showcase for honoring individuals who embody the mission and ideals of Catholic Central High School, according to Advancement Director Christine O'Driscoll. "Catholic Central has such a rich history and tradition of excellence," said O'Driscoll. "It is fitting that we honor Sister Robert Ann and her Dominican forbears who have served CC for more than 100 years. "Catholic Central alumni serve their communities in all 50 states and in 23 nations across the globe, she added. "We are proud that our first event will pay tribute to such outstanding alumni as Mr. Ragauss and Mr. Jackson."

Tickets for the Evening of Excellence Awards Dinner are priced at \$75 per person, \$125 for a couple. A few tickets are still available online by clicking on the "E" banner at grcatholiccentral.com

Established in 1906, Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School is the oldest diocesan co-educational high school in the nation. The school has a current enrollment of 676 students.

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