



O'Hara Catholic School



**Press Release
For Immediate Release
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Photo/Interview Opportunity with teachers, students and parents: Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m., at O'Hara Catholic School. Award recipient, Maryanne Obersinner, will be honored at a reception.

O'Hara 6th Grade Educator Named 2009 Distinguished Teacher of the Year

April 20, 2009, Eugene, Oregon—Maryanne Obersinner, 6th Grade Teacher at O'Hara Catholic School, has been named one of 12 Distinguished Teachers of the Year for 2009 by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). Maryanne was presented the award at a banquet at the Annual NCEA Conference in Anaheim last week.

This annual award, presented by the NCEA Department of Elementary Schools, was established in honor of Sister Miriam Joseph Farrell, PBVM, who served as executive secretary of the Department until her illness and death in 1970. Nationally prominent in education, Sister Miriam Joseph was appointed by President Johnson to the President's Title II Advisory Commission.

The award was established in Sister Miriam Joseph's honor in 1981 and is presented to one teacher in each of twelve geographic regions around the country. Maryanne Obersinner was selected as a winner for the Northwestern states.

One of Maryanne's trademark cross-curricular educational programs which she started at O'Hara is the Living Saints Project which has also received national recognition. "Today's Catholic Teacher" presented O'Hara with the *Innovations in Education Award* at the 2008 NCEA Annual Conference in Indianapolis.

Maryanne Obersinner has taught Religion, English and Social Studies to nearly 350 students at O'Hara Catholic School since 1998. She will be recognized by school staff, teachers, parents and students she has taught over the past 11 years at a reception this Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30pm in the cafeteria at O'Hara, 715 W. 18th, Eugene.

About O'Hara Catholic School

O'Hara Catholic School serves students in Pre-School through 8th grade of all religious, racial, ethnic, and income backgrounds. For more information about the curriculum, admissions policies or registration, contact Principal Dianne Bert at (541) 485-5291 or visit www.oharaschool.org.

Maryanne Obersinner's photo is available upon request.