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ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

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ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES HISTORIC \$2.5 MILLION GIFT

St. Louis, August 17, 2017—St. Mary's High School, an all-boys Archdiocesan high school located on the city's south side, has received an unprecedented gift of \$2.5 million from the estate of Harry B. Sieker, a former architect and city planner, from Walnut Creek, California. Mr. Sieker, raised in Maplewood, Missouri, did not attend St. Mary's High School.

The gift is the largest single donation in the school's 86-year history.

This remarkable gift will allow St. Mary's to make significant upgrades to its academic facilities in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, as well as other campus improvements.

"This incredibly generous gift will be used to continue the school's renaissance," said President Mike England. "We began our plan in 2014 with several renovation projects, which included the addition of air conditioning systems for all classrooms, renovations to the cafeteria and locker rooms, and new administrative offices. In 2016, we added a new \$1.3 million turf field in addition to various stadium improvements. Now, we can move up our timeline and build one of the best educational and athletic facilities in the region. Our young men and our community deserve it!"

About St. Mary's High School: St. Mary's High School develops the bold leaders and bright, imaginative thinkers of tomorrow with personalized academic experiences. By fostering unique gifts and talents, we empower young men from all backgrounds to create opportunities for themselves, their families, and their communities. St. Mary's High School is an Archdiocesan high school rooted in the Marianist tradition. Our comprehensive college preparatory curriculum is designed to prepare students for college and post-secondary life as well as address the development of the total student – intellectually, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

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