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Sister Carol Anne Smith

Sr. Carol Anne Smith of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary is president and principal of Magnificat High School, whose 800 students make it Ohio's largest all-girl high school and among the largest all-girl schools in the country. She previously was executive director of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation, overseeing \$85 million in assets supporting Catholic Charities as well as tuition assistance grants to students enrolled in inner city diocesan schools.

In 1992, Bishop Anthony M. Pilla appointed Sr. Carol Anne secretary for Education for the Cleveland Catholic diocese, one of four leadership positions in the bishop's cabinet. For 11 years, she also served as superintendent of the eight-county diocese's 67,000 student school system, the sixth largest system of private schools in the United States.

Prior to her leadership role in the diocese, she spent 16 years at Magnificat as a teacher and administrator, including seven years as principal. During her tenure, she helped create an Advisory Board, which later evolved into a Board of Directors. She also established the school's Development Office, the school's first Capital Campaign, and led Magnificat in major educational achievements such as certification as a College Preparatory School and membership in the College Board. Under her leadership, Magnificat received the U.S. Department of Education's Exemplary School Award in 1986, the first year this honor was given.

Sr. Carol Anne presently chairs Community Health Partners and is a trustee of St. Edward High School. She has served as a trustee of the National Catholic Education Association Research Board. Sister was awarded the 2003 Leonard F. DeFiore Parental Choice Advocate Award from the National Catholic Educational Association for her dedication to the cause of parental choice in education.

Sr. Carol Anne's paternal great-grandparents, the Dooleys, emigrated from County Mayo in the late 1800s. Sister grew up in St. Mark Parish and graduated from Lourdes Academy in 1966. She received a bachelor's degree in English from Ursuline College in 1971 and later earned a Masters of Education degree in Administration and Supervision from John Carroll University. She has taken post-graduate classes at Miami University of Ohio and Boston College and completed the Omaha Development Institute.

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