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Saint Joseph Academy Seniors to Celebrate Annual “Walk of Roses” on Tuesday, May 30

The 176 Seniors of Saint Joseph Academy will take their traditional procession down Rocky River Drive on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for the annual "Walk of the Roses," which draws hundreds of family members, friends and neighbors who line the street to cheer them and wish them well on their future endeavors.

Graduates of Saint Joseph Academy, the only all-girls Catholic high school in the city of Cleveland, each carry a dozen red roses in the "Walk of the Roses," an annual procession from Saint Joseph Academy to their commencement ceremony at Our Lady of Angels Church on Tuesday, May 30. The tradition for the "Walk of the Roses" began in 1943. This year, the event will honor 33 members of the Class of 1957 during the "Walk of the Roses," as the women never had the opportunity to walk in the "Walk of Roses," graduating instead at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland.

The Class of 1957 will carry their roses on the Lolly Trolley to the church to wish the current seniors well. Rosemary O'Donnell Dever, Class of 1957, will ride the trolley to watch her granddaughter, Sarah Dever, Class of 2017, graduate from their beloved alma mater, Saint Joseph Academy. There are 41 legacy connections (mothers, grandmothers, and relatives of the Congregation of St. Joseph) for the Class of 2017.

The Class of 2017 from Saint Joseph Academy boasts several impressive statistics: one National Merit Finalist and seven National Merit Commended Scholars, 63 students received the President’s Education Award, 65% of students earned a total of $18.9 million in merit-based awards and the Class of 2017 was accepted into 119 colleges, with notable choices including Georgetown University, Vassar College, New York University (Shanghai), Trinity College (Dublin), University of Notre Dame, University of South Carolina, Marquette University and Case Western Reserve University.

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Now in its 127th year, Saint Joseph Academy is the only all-girls Catholic high school in the City of Cleveland. With a current enrollment of more than 725 young women, Saint Joseph Academy is rooted in the spirituality of the Congregation of St. Joseph and works to foster unifying relationships with God and all creation. Each young woman is empowered to achieve academic excellence, and inspired to a life of compassionate leadership and service in a global society. Saint Joseph Academy is located at 3470 Rocky River Drive in Cleveland. For more information, visit www.sja1890.org or call 216.251.6788.