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Mother, and love thy
Fatherland."

Catholic Philopatrian Announces the 2015 Sourin Award Winner

PHILADELPHIA (February 24, 2015) — The Philadelphia Catholic Philopatrian Literary Institute today named Mrs. Donna Crilley Farrell as the 2015 recipient of its annual Sourin Award. "Donna's commitment to her catholic faith is unwavering in both word and deed," said Phil Earley, President of The Catholic Philopatrian Institute. "She sets an example to many in the Catholic laity that is both impressive and inspiring. We are pleased to honor her with this year's Sourin Award," added Early.

Mrs. Crilley Farrell joins an extraordinary list of Sourin Award winners who dedicated their lives to the daily implementation of their Catholic faith in all aspects of their lives. Past Sourin Award recipients include John Cardinal Krol, Philadelphia Mayor James H.J. Tate, Pennsylvania Governor Robert P. Casey, John McShain, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput and John F. Connelly.

Mrs. Crilley Farrell currently serves as the Executive Director for the World Meeting of Families 2015 taking place in September of this year. An auspicious event that will mark Pope Francis's first visit to the United States (the fourth reigning Pontiff in our nation's history). Philadelphia will serve as a backdrop for both the World Meeting of Families' Festival of Families and a Papal Mass under Mrs. Farrell's administrative capacity.

Prior to accepting her current position with the World Meeting of Families, Mrs. Farrell served as Manager of External Affairs at Independence Blue Cross. She also served in the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Office for Communications from 1999-2012. She was Director of Communications from 2005-2012. Her dedication to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Catholic faith was consistent and unwavering as she worked tirelessly to highlight the outstanding work of the local Church while at the same time promoting Catholic values and teachings. Her dedication and compassion continue to this day. Mrs. Crilley Farrell is the wife of attorney Michael J. Farrell and the mother of ten year old twins, Connor and Christina. The Farrell family lives in St. Kevin Parish in Springfield, PA.

The Sourin Award is presented at the annual Sourin Award Dinner. This year's dinner takes place at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia on April 23, 2015.

About the Sourin Award

The Sourin Award was first presented in 1960, and is designed to recognize those individuals who have followed the example of Father Edward Sourin, our founder, in dedicating their lives to the day to day implementation of their Catholic faith in their businesses, in their family lives and in their social activities.

The Catholic Philopatrian was founded in 1850 by Father Sourin, SJ to provide education and subsequent opportunities to immigrants, primarily Irish and German. It is one of the oldest catholic lay organizations in America. Today, the goal is to sustain and improve the quality of Catholic education in the greater Philadelphia area. The Philo provides individual scholarships and grants to needy schools. For more information, go to the website: www.thephilo.org