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# NEWS RELEASE

## O'Gorman High School Community Mourns the Passing of First Principal- Sister Margaret Helen Leeney

**Timmins, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011:**

Sister Helen Leeney, also known as Sister Margaret Helen passed away on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in the 73<sup>rd</sup> year of her Religious Life. Sister Margaret Helen served as the founding principal of O'Gorman High School from 1953 to 1965. As a member of the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, she served her Catholic Community in many ways; with her teaching career spanning 40 years.

Sister Margaret Helen's dedication and commitment to Catholic Education were prevalent during her term as O'Gorman's principal. She was very supportive to all students and she made a difference in the lives of many students.

Colleen Landers, a past student of Sister Margaret Helen, a proud O'Gorman High School alumna and current NCDSB Board Trustee, commented "She always had a close tie with Timmins and O'Gorman High School and she came back for all the reunions as she felt that she was a member of the O'Gorman family. When I saw her a few months ago we talked about her time at O'Gorman and she remembered her time here as good memories."

Glenn Sheculski, Director of Education, stated "Sister Margaret Helen Leeney will be greatly missed by our Catholic community. She played a pivotal role in the development of secondary Catholic education in Timmins and served as O'Gorman High School's very first principal. She is in our prayers and we extend our sympathies to the entire Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception community on their loss."

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