

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Mary Louise Cox

Mary Louise Cox is one of the most recognizable faces in St. Thomas More High School's history. After seven years teaching in Illinois and Nebraska, Mary started teaching at Pio Nono in 1970. Overall, she enjoyed a 43-year career before retiring in 2006. Throughout her career at Pio Nono and Thomas More, Mary taught thousands of students in Latin, English, Journalism, Language Structure, and American Literature. Of her time teaching, Mary said "I had wonderful students all along and I really appreciate all the support I have had from the administration; some of them are my friends today. I enjoyed coming to school every day."

Though her teaching career shines on its own, it is Mary's love of volunteering that has earned her induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame. She began volunteering at the age of 12 as a sacristan and meal server at St. Mary's Parish in Kenosha and has been involved in countless volunteer efforts ever since. She spent ten summers working with Mexican migrant families at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission in Endeavor, Wisconsin and two summers holding prayer and discussion sessions with inmates at Fox Lake Minimum Security Prison. She has been a member of the Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith Fund Raising Committee, the St. Vincent de Paul meal program, the St. Francis Historical Society, and the St. Thomas Aquinas Academy School Board. She has also spent countless hours volunteering at St. Thomas More, helping out with bingo for twenty years, and serving as a member of the Dinner Auction Committee since its inception in 1983.

In retirement, Mary continues to give back by staying active at Sacred Heart Parish in numerous capacities. She is on the Parish Council, the Liturgy Committee, and the Activities Committee. Mary takes great joy in teaching others, and she continues to do so, tutoring Latin, Spanish, and English literacy at St. Thomas More, Sacred Heart, and Howard Village.

We are proud to call Mary Louise Cox one of our own, and we salute her as the first female member of the St. Thomas More Alumni Hall of Fame.



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