

Sr. Mary Louise Foley Honored by School of Law Alumni

Sr. Mary Louise Foley, F.M.I., was honored for her service to the School of Law, receiving the 2010 Walter H. Rice Honorary Alumni Award during an awards ceremony May 14. The ceremony kicked off the annual Alumni Weekend, sponsored by the Dayton Law Alumni Association.

Judge Rice, who serves on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, presented the award to Sr. Mary Louise, calling her the “heart and soul of our law school community.”

Sister Mary Louise Foley has been around the University for many years. After graduating from UD, she went to San Antonio, Texas, to join the Marianist sisters. After novitiate she taught sixth graders for several years, then returned to Dayton and worked at Marycrest Hall. Another trip to San Antonio brought new ministry opportunities: work at the Marianist Sisters renewal center was followed by pastoral ministry at a Marianist parish, then administrative work for the Sisters.

In 1991, Sr. Mary Louise joined the School of Law as campus minister, serving as counselor and friend to the students, faculty and staff. She also helps organize the School’s annual Interfaith Prayer Service and Red Mass, and serves as an advisor for the St. Thomas Moore Society, a student organization. In addition, Sr. Mary Louise is involved in the Hand in Hand program, which helps students who are pregnant.

The Honorable Walter H. Rice Honorary Alumni Award is presented each year to an individual who is not a graduate of the University of Dayton School of Law, but who represents the ideals of the school through exemplary achievement. This award recognizes significant contributions to the legal profession, the community and the School of Law.