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### ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL, TRUMBULL TO GRADUATE 183 STUDENTS

May 12, 2017—TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT— St Joseph High School located at 2320 Huntington Turnpike in Trumbull will graduate 183 students on June 3, 2017 at 10:00am. The 2017 commencement will be held at Dalling Field on the school’s campus. Dr. Steven Cheeseman, Super Intendant of Schools, Diocese of Bridgeport; Mr. Timothy M. Herbst, First Selectman, Town of Trumbull; and Mr. Christopher Wilson, Chairperson, St. Joseph High School Board of Directors will be in attendance.

“Erin Welch and Grace Scully represent the best of the *very best* of St. Joseph High School. Not only are they each academic stand-outs, but their leadership and involvement in our vibrant community has been extraordinary,” said Dr. James Keane, MDiv, MEd, PhD, Principal, St. Joseph High School.

Erin Egan Welch is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2017. Erin has attained the highest academic record among this very competitive class, and will deliver the Valedictorian’s Farewell Address at the close of the Commencement Exercises at Graduation on Saturday, June 3. Erin is a Trumbull resident and daughter of Monica and John Welch. The Welch family is part of St Stephen Parish in Trumbull. Erin attended Tashua Elementary School and Madison Middle School.

Erin is a member of the State Student Advisory Council on Education and represents St Joes on Trumbull Business Education Initiative Board. She is also a member of the International Thespian Honor Society and has played a variety of roles in theatrical and musical productions of the SJ Drama Club.

Erin is a semi-finalist for the Connecticut Governor’s Scholar Award and is a recipient of the Harvard Book Award. She has earned the AP Scholar with Honor distinction and belongs to the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, English Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Erin was one of several St Joes students who participated in the 12- day pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Poland with Pope Francis last summer. She has been President of the St Joes Irish Club for the past two years. The past spring, Erin was named Miss Shamrock 2017 for the Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. Erin also volunteers with the Special Olympics golf program and is a Trumbull United Top Soccer buddy. In addition, Erin will be honored this month the St Thomas Aquinas academic award by the Diocese of Bridgeport at their Breakfast of Champions.

Erin has enrolled in the Honors Program at Boston College where she will major in Biology and pursue a career in Neuroscience.

**Grace Jennifer Scully** has compiled the second highest academic average in her class and is so named our Salutatorian for the Class of 2017. To Grace goes the privilege of opening the 2017 Commencement Exercises at the Senior Class Awards Ceremony on June 2. Grace is a Shelton resident, daughter of Kevin and Raquel Scully, and sister of Olivia Scully ‘18. The Scully family attends St Margaret Mary Parish in Shelton. Grace attended St Joseph Elementary School in Shelton.

Grace received the Presidential Scholarship all four years at St Joes. Grace is a member of the Spanish Honor Society; Treasurer of the National English Honor Society; Co-President of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and a member of the John F Kennedy - Dr Thomas Dooley Chapter National Honor Society. Grace has worked in the writing center and as a math tutor, receiving the distinction as an Academic Scholar receiving the President's Award all four years at St Joes. Grace is an AP Scholar with Honor distinction and received the Dartmouth Book Award. Grace was Co-Captain of the Girls Varsity Swim Team, qualifying to compete at the state level and receiving varsity letters all four years. Grace is a Student Ambassador, member of the Special Olympics swim and golf program, participant in the Midnight Run community service organization to NYC. Grace volunteered at the Valley YMCA in Ansonia for many years providing swim lessons. The Valley YMCA hired Grace as a swim instructor and certified lifeguard for the past two years. Grace also was a member of the Membership & Marketing Committee at the Valley YMCA as the "teenage voice". Grace received Certificate of Appreciation for "A Student who Makes a Difference" at SJHS plus was a 2016 Barnum Festival candidate.

Grace is a regional finalist for the Jefferson Scholar award, Recipient of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Award from Fairfield University School of Engineering and Sikorsky Aircraft. Grace is a Big Y scholarship recipient and will attend the University of Connecticut this fall as a member of the Honors program, receiving the Presidential Scholarship Award.

St. Joseph High School strives to be the premier college preparatory school in Southern Connecticut and has an enrollment of 810. The school provides a learning environment that embraces the Gospel values of the Roman Catholic faith and promotes a commitment to family and community. The school prepares our young women and men to realize their potential, helps them excel in higher education and provides a foundation to guide them throughout their lives. The school is excited to open a state of the art Health & Wellness Center in the Fall of 2017, as well as an Outdoor Classroom Boardwalk for Biology Studies. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges accredits St. Joseph High School. St Joseph High School is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools.

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