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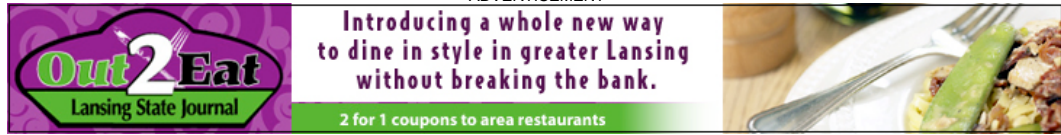
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Simon selected for Education Bell Award

PORTLAND — The Father Flohe Foundation presented the 2007 Fr. Flohe Education Bell Award to Mark Simon and the entire Simon family in memory of their sister Rose Mary Simon at St. Patrick's graduation commencement ceremonies on June 3.

Foundation President Kevin Schrauben presented the award that is given annually to an alumnus of St. Patrick's School, who in their life has exemplified the high goals and accomplishments that a graduate of St. Patrick's can achieve.

Rose Mary Simon graduated from St. Patrick School as co-valedictorian in 1965. Upon graduation from high school, she continued her education and graduated with high honors from the University of Detroit and subsequently went on to Wayne State University Law School where she earned her law degree.

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Simon put her law degree to use in her work at Legal Aide of Lansing, an organization that provided low cost or free legal services to those who otherwise would not be able to afford such services.

In 1975, Simon suffered a stroke which left her with many disabilities. Regardless of any obstacles that may have been in her way, Simon continued to help others.

She was accepted into the Masters Program for Rehabilitation Counselors at Michigan State University and went on to be a legal advocate for people with disabilities for the State of Michigan.

After 10 years in this capacity, Simon passed away, but not without doing all she could to help those that may not have otherwise received the help they needed.

Simon dedicated her education and life to the service of others.

This approach to helping others is an excellent example to the students of St. Patrick, as to what they can accomplish in life with dedication and hard work.

— From St. Patrick School



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