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Holy Family High School selected as one of the Top 50 Catholic High Schools in the country

Nation's Top 50 Catholic High Schools announced for 2010-2011

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (Oct. 25, 2010) –The National Catholic High School Honor Roll announced its sixth selection of the best 50 Catholic secondary schools in the United States. The purpose of the Honor Roll is to recognize and encourage excellence in Catholic secondary education. It is a critical resource for parents and educators to distinguish those schools that excel in three categories: *academic excellence, Catholic identity, and civic education.*

Based on the values of Jesus Christ, Holy Family High School seeks to provide a Catholic learning environment that stress academic excellence, fosters mutual respect, demands responsibility, and encourages self growth. Holy Family High School is comprised of 559 students from Colorado, representing 29 cities and 8 counties. Each student conducts annual apostolic ministry projects within their place of worship, family, school or community service agency. Of the 138 members from the class of 2010, graduates were offered over \$8.1 million in merit-based college scholarships. Nearly 40% of Holy Family High School graduates attend or have attended Catholic universities or colleges across the country.

The Honor Roll is an independent project of the Acton Institute, an international research and educational organization. It is produced in consultation with an advisory board comprised of Catholic college presidents and scholars. Advisory board member Very Rev. David M. O’Connell, President of Catholic University of America, said the Honor Roll’s evaluation method is indispensable. “Catholic schools must examine themselves on a regular basis using a well-rounded approach that assesses adherence to the Church’s educational calling,” he said. “The Honor Roll strengthens schools by encouraging high standards and vibrant Catholicism.” For more on Acton, please go to www.acton.org.

In its seven years, the Honor Roll has seen over 50 percent of America’s nearly 1,300 Catholic high schools participate. The best schools demonstrate a balanced excellence, which includes an active Catholic culture, sound college preparation and integration of Church teaching in all departments. These schools also display sound moral, catechetical and civic formation that prepares students for vocations in the world as political, religious, scientific, and business leaders.

To see a list of the top 50 schools, as well as lists of the 10 honorable mention schools in each category, visit www.chshonor.org. *Questions about the Honor Roll may be directed to Kara Eagle at (616) 454-3080, keagle@acton.org or info@chshonor.org.*

To learn more about the great accomplishments at Holy Family High School, an open house for prospective students and their families will be conducted on Sunday, November 7th from 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. For admissions inquiries, please call Eric Nakayama, at (303) 410-1411 x 1008 or Jennifer Wilcomb, at (303) 410-1411 x1223. To support the Holy Family High School mission, call Martin Barrett, Director of Alumni & Development at (303) 410-1411 x1117.

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