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Roman Catholic school named to honor roll

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FORT WAYNE - A city school was selected for a first-ever honor roll that recognizes the nation's top Roman Catholic high schools, officials said

Bishop Luers High School was among 50 high schools nationwide selected for the Catholic High School Honor Roll, a designation that recognizes Catholic schools for academics, Catholic identity and civic education.

"Any kind of award we receive, it's because of our hardworking staff," Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer said.

Bishop Luers, one of 14 Catholic high schools in Indiana, has 570 students this year and a staff of 78.

More than 93 percent of Bishop Luers graduates go to college or a two-year technical or trade school, The News-Sentinel reported Thursday.

Students said the family atmosphere, prayers before class and first-rate teachers make Bishop Luers a good school.

"I love the spirit of our school," junior Bridget Glismann, 16, said.

The honor roll is sponsored by the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion & Liberty, an international research and educational organization based in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kevin Schmiesing, director of the Catholic High School Honor Roll, said schools were selected through survey responses and school data. He said surveys were sent to 1,300 high schools in the United States, polling principals and religion and social studies teachers.