

## **Top 50 honor for Holy Cross**

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ONEIDA CASTLE - The Catholic High School Honor Roll for 2004 announced the selection of Holy Cross Academy as one of the best 50 Catholic High Schools in the United States based on its demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, Catholic identity, and civic education.

Strength in each of the three areas was key to placing Holy Cross Academy on the honor roll.

The honor roll serves as a resource for students, parents and benefactors of Catholic schools. Advisory board member Gerald Bradley, professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, said the honor roll will serve as a benchmark for those who are seeking an education formed by faith. "It draws attention to schools that are contributing in extraordinary ways to the moral and intellectual formation of young people."

The primary goal of the honor roll is to encourage schools to educate their students as effectively as possible in a way that integrates the Catholic faith and prepares students for active engagement with the world.

The honor roll is an independent project of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, an international research and educational organization based in Grand Rapids, Mich. The project is directed by Dr. Kevin Schmiesing and includes the presidents of Christendom College and Franciscan University on its advisory board. He said, "What is common to all of the schools listed is the outstanding commitment to the educational mission of the church."

Holy Cross Academy is an independent junior-senior high school located on Barrington Road in Oneida.

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