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## Strake Jesuit named among top 50 Catholic high schools in nation

HOUSTON - Strake Jesuit has been named one of the top 50 Catholic high schools in the country. The Catholic High School Honor Roll stated in the announcement that the annual Honor Roll serves as an invaluable resource for students, parents and benefactors by recognizing the nation's top 50 high schools based on their demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, Catholic identity, and civic education. Four other Texas schools were included in the list: Antonian College Preparatory High School of San Antonio, Bishop T.K. Gorman Catholic School of Tyler, Monsignor Kelly High School of Beaumont and St. Therese Academy of Irving. Advisory board member Gerard Bradley, Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, said the Honor Roll will serve as a benchmark for all who are seeking an education informed by faith. "It draws attention to schools that are contributing in extraordinary ways to the moral and intellectual formation of young people," he said. The primary goal of the Honor Roll is to encourage schools to educate their students as effectively as possible, in a way that integrates Catholic faith and prepares students for active engagement with the world. Strength in the areas of academics, Catholic identity, and civic education were key to placing on the Honor Roll, according to the project's director, Dr. Kevin Schmiesing. "There are Jesuit, Dominican, diocesan, and independent schools on this list," he said. "It reflects the diversity of Catholicism in the United States. What is common to all of the schools is outstanding commitment to the educational mission of the Church."

The Catholic High School Honor Roll is an independent project of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion & Liberty, an international research and educational organization based in Grand Rapids, Mich. The Honor Roll was produced in consultation with a national advisory board comprised of Catholic college presidents and noted Catholic scholars.