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6 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AMONG NATION'S BEST

Six Catholic high schools in South Florida were named among the top 50 in the nation, according to the second annual ranking compiled by an ecumenical think tank.

The six schools -- Archbishop Coleman Carroll, Archbishop Edward McCarthy, Belen Jesuit Preparatory, Cardinal Gibbons, St. Thomas Aquinas and Monsignor Edward Pace -- were joined by St. Petersburg Catholic High School to give Florida more of the top 50 schools than any other state.

Five of the six South Florida schools are run by the Archdiocese of Miami, and Archbishop John Favalora called the achievement ``a source of great pride."

The 50 schools, which comprise the Catholic High School Honor Roll, are not individually ranked. The list was compiled by a national board of Catholic college presidents and scholars and overseen by the Acton Institute, a nonprofit group based in Grand Rapids, Mich.