



## McGuinness Receives National Honor for Second Straight Year

OKLAHOMA CITY — For the second consecutive year, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School has been named to the National Catholic High School Honor Roll. The honor recognizes McGuinness as one of the top 50 Catholic secondary schools in the nation. The honor roll is based on a school's demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, Catholic identity and civic education.

Honor roll schools ranged from the 24-student Holy Rosary Academy in Anchorage, Alaska, to St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a school with 2,100 students. The state of Florida with seven schools selected, led the way, followed by Texas and New York with six each. In all, schools from 21 states made the honor roll. To see a complete list of the schools, go to the Catholic High School Honor Roll Web site at [www.chshonor.org](http://www.chshonor.org)

McGuinness has a student enrollment of 640.

Sister Catherine Powers, CND, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese, said the honor is well deserved. "I am grateful that Bishop McGuinness, for the second year in a row, has received the distinctive honor of being one of the 50 best Catholic high schools in the United States. This is an honor which is well deserved. The dedication of administration, faculty, staff, parents and students is truly outstanding. The school is committed to providing an education to high school students that is outstanding and Catholic."

McGuinness Principal David Morton said news the school had been selected again for the honor roll was very rewarding. "It's a real feather in the cap of the school," Morton said. "It helps us demonstrate to the community the mission of McGuinness."

Morton said the recognition points to the success students from Bishop McGuinness enjoy and especially how it prepares them for success in life upon graduation.

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. By supporting this constructive competition, the honor roll provides insight into the character of Catholic secondary education and calls everyone to improve the academic and spiritual formation given to America's youth. The honor roll strives to better prepare students for vocations in politics, business and the Church.

The Catholic High School 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 honor roll was produced in consultation with a national advisory board comprised of Catholic college presidents and noted Catholic scholars. For more on Acton, go to [www.acton.org](http://www.acton.org)