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BISHOP T.K. GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN AMONG TOP 50

TYLER — For the second year in a row, Bishop TK. Gorman High School in Tyler has been named one of the top 50 Catholic high schools in the nation by the Catholic High School Honor Roll.

The listing 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. It was produced in consultation with a national advisory board comprised of Catholic college presidents and noted Catholic scholars.

Selections for the 2005 honor roll were based on responses to two surveys made up of three sections: academics, Catholic identity, and civic education. Approximately 250 schools responded to the surveys.

Bishop Gorman and the other schools named to the honor roll were selected based on their demonstrated commitment to the academic excellence,

Catholic identity and civic education.

Bishop Gorman placed in the top 20 schools in the area of civic education.

Other Texas schools on the Honor Roll are Strake Jesuit College Preparatory and St. Thomas High School, both in Houston; The Highlands School in Irving; Antonian College Preparatory High School in San Antonio; and Sacred Heart High School in Muenster.

“It is encouraging to see so many outstanding examples of Catholic education,” said Dr. Kevin Schmiesing, director of the honor roll program. “Though the schools represent a diverse array of types — including Christian Brothers, Franciscan, Legionary, diocesan and independent — what they have in common is a commitment to excellence in the areas that we examine.”

The primary goal of the honor roll is to encourage schools to educate students as effectively as possible, in a way that inte-grates

Catholic faith and prepares students for active engagement with the world.

“It is important to highlight the accomplishments of schools that are contributing in exemplary ways to the moral and intellectual formation of their students,” said Father Bernard O’Connor, president of DeSales University and an honor roll advisory board member.

Bishop Gorman, with an enrollment of 220 in grades 9-12, was named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education in 1999, and consistently wins state titles in both academic and athletic competitions in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools.

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