

# 2008 Catholic High School Honor Roll



## SURVEY #2 APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### Theology Chair - Teacher

**How to Apply:** Surveys can be completed online at [www.chshonor.org](http://www.chshonor.org). The below checklist will help you gather the necessary information to facilitate the survey process.

- **Apply online:** [www.chshonor.org](http://www.chshonor.org)
- **Application Deadline:** May 15, 2008

**Description:** The Catholic High School Honor Roll is an annual list of America's Top 50 Catholic high schools, judged on the criteria of *academic excellence*, *Catholic identity*, and *civic education*. The list is published nationally, and is a resource for parents, schools, colleges and donors. As a constructive competition, the Honor Roll is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in Catholic education.

#### **How It Works:**

- **3 surveys:** Catholic high schools must complete 3 surveys – for the *principal*, *theology chair*, and *social studies chair* – to be considered for the Honor Roll.
- **Deadline:** Each of a school's three surveys must be submitted by **May 15, 2008**.
- **Scholarship Drawing:** As an incentive to apply online, there will be a \$2,000 scholarship drawing.
- **Announcement:** Following the review of schools' applications, the Top 50 list is announced in the fall.

- **Evaluations:** Following the announcement, each applicant school will receive a detailed evaluation that offers feedback and compares it to schools nationwide.

#### **Preparation Tips:**

- **Gather Statistics First:** To reduce your survey completion time, we suggest gathering statistics first. Having the below information ready will make the process more efficient.
- **Time:** Each survey can take over one hour to complete after gathering statistics.
- **Grades 9-12:** In your responses, please only include information for grades 9-12.
- **Staff Help:** In gathering information, we urge survey responders to work with fellow staff members. The guidance counselor, campus minister, chaplain are helpful, as is consulting the theology or social studies faculty.

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## Catholic Education Information

- Theology Teachers:** The number of staff members that teach Religion/Theology
- Catholic Faculty:** The number of Theology faculty that are practicing Catholics
- Theology training:** The number of Theology teachers with at least undergraduate-level Theology training
- Ongoing Theology Training:** The frequency that the theology faculty receives ongoing training on Catholic teaching
- Coursework Requirement:** The amount of Theology/Religion coursework required for graduation
- Theology Classes:** The names of the required theology classes.
- Theology Electives:** The names and descriptions of any Theology electives

- Primary Texts:** The title and publisher of the primary theology textbook(s).
- Supplemental Theology Texts:** The title and publisher of the supplemental theology texts Include here any magisterial texts (Catechism, Papal encyclicals, etc.).
- Catholic Social Teaching:** Whether the theology curriculum includes a section on Catholic social teaching
  - A. The text(s) used
  - B. If the course is full-year, one semester, or included in a separate course
  - C. The topics most commonly discussed in this course/section.

### Catholic Student Activities Information

- Student organizations:** Information on your voluntary extracurricular student groups:
  - A. The five most attended student organizations concerned with the Catholic Faith, devotion, or the like
  - B. A description of the group's activities
  - C. An estimate of the percentage of students that regularly participate in the group.
- Vocations:** Information regarding programs that promote religious vocations for students.
- Faith Formation:** Information on a retreat, or other faith-formation requirement for students, including a description of the themes, length of retreats, and topics covered.
- Service – Outreach:** A list and brief description of the school's social outreach, service-component or works of mercy requirements for students. Also be prepared to explain why your school requires service or works of mercy.
- Faith Formation Opportunities:** A list of additional faith formation opportunities or programs available at your school.
- Alumni Vocations:** The estimated number of alumni that over the past 10 years have entered the Priesthood, religious life, or are currently studying in seminary or novitiate.

### Free Response Questions

- Catholic Identity Free Response:** How do you prepare your students to understand and articulate their faith as they prepare for Catholic adulthood?
- Free Response:** In your view, what are the three most important things a theology student should learn before graduating?