



Saint Rita School Named to the Catholic Education Honor Roll

Manassas, Va. – March 28, 2019, Saint Rita School became the first elementary school in the state of Virginia and one of just five K-8 elementary schools in the nation to be recognized as a Catholic Education Honor Roll School by the Cardinal Newman Society. Since its inception in 2004, the Cardinal Newman Society has recognized over 300 high-performing Catholic high schools nationwide. This is the first year elementary schools have been eligible for this recognition.

Saint Rita School engaged in a thorough internal and external review of its comprehensive program offerings before being awarded this status. It has received specific recognition for its strong integration of Catholic identity throughout its efforts, including the integrity of its mission, and the strength of its community and rich spiritual life. The Honor Roll also recognized the school's efforts in the integral formation of the minds, bodies, and spirits of its students as well as its comprehensive academic program, which seeks to instill a Christian vision of the world and human wisdom and culture.

“The Honor Roll is a helpful tool for families and benefactors in recognizing the quality of a Catholic school,” said Patrick J. Reilly, president of The Cardinal Newman Society. “It is external validation that a school is both focused and successful in meeting the high calling of Catholic schools to serve the well-being and salvation of students and to serve the common good.”

Dr. Denise Donohue, coordinator of the Honor Roll, stated, “We are very pleased to have Saint Rita School join in the nationally recognized ranks of excellence; this is a select group. The school has well demonstrated they are successful in meeting the key principles that guide Catholic education.”

Mrs. Mary Pat Schlickemaier, Principal of Saint Rita School said, "It is great affirmation for Saint Rita School to be recognized by the Catholic Education Honor Roll. This distinction confirms our commitment to the mission of Catholic education. I am proud to be the principal of a school where the priests, administration, students, parents, teachers, and staff work tirelessly to ensure that a strong Catholic identity permeates all that we do in preparing our students to be future leaders in both this world and the next.”

More information on Saint Rita School is available at <https://saintrita-school.org>. More information on the Catholic Education Honor Roll is available at honorroll@CatholicEducationHonorRoll.org.