

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOR TOMORROW AWARD

## INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION



*Today's Catholic Teacher* proudly invites nominations for the twelfth annual **Catholic Schools for Tomorrow Award for Innovations in Education**. The award honors Catholic schools that have led the way by implementing exemplary innovative programs to improve the teaching and learning of their students, faculty, and staffs.

Awards are offered in six categories for innovations in:

- Marketing Your Catholic School\*
- Reconstructing or Merging Schools\*
- Promoting Catholic Identity
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Technology Integration
- Total Community Involvement

\* New category for 2009

We ask you, our readers, to help us identify Catholic schools that have insightfully embraced and implemented innovations in these areas. From your nominations, 12 schools will be selected for the Catholic Schools for Tomorrow Award.

Anyone may nominate! If you are a principal or assistant principal, technology coordinator, project coordinator, or teacher who feels especially proud of what your school has accomplished, please submit a nomination. Diocesan officials may want to nominate one or several outstanding schools from the diocese. Parents, parishioners, or other community members may want to bring this national recognition to their local Catholic school. All diocesan, parochial, or independent Catholic elementary, middle, junior high, and high schools in the U.S. and Canada are eligible.

**Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, November 8, 2008, and arrive at *Today's Catholic Teacher* no later than Friday, November 14, 2008**

### Winning Schools Receive National Exposure and So Much More!

- If your school is chosen as one of the 12 Catholic Schools for Tomorrow for 2009, it will be featured in a special section in the March 2009 issue of *Today's Catholic Teacher*.
- School representatives will be honored at a presentation banquet during the 2009 NCEA Convention in Anaheim, California.
- You will receive 100 copies of a high-quality reprint of the special awards section in the March issue. Past winners have used this attractive reprint to enhance their public relations and student recruitment programs.
- A large vinyl banner will enable you to display your accomplishment to the community.
- Winners also have reported that winning the award has helped their schools obtain grants and gain additional funding support from local sources and national foundations.
- And the attractive star-shaped Catholic Schools for Tomorrow Award will serve as a permanent source of school pride and a reminder of the dedication and collaboration that earned your school the title of Catholic School for Tomorrow.

### Here's How to Nominate Your School

The official entry form appears on the back of this sheet. The entry form must be attached to a double-spaced typed description no longer than 600 words (approximately two pages) of how the nominee school has implemented innovation in ONE of the six award categories. If a school is to be nominated in more than one area, please submit additional nominations.

- An innovative project in marketing your Catholic school
- An innovative project in reconstructing or merging schools
- An innovative project in promoting Catholic identity
- An innovative project in curriculum and instruction
- An innovative project facilitated by technology
- An innovative project in total community involvement (including fundraising)

You may enclose with your entry limited samples of student work, reports, or other supporting documents that will help our judges make an informed decision. (Note: submitted material cannot be returned.)

Send your entry materials to *Today's Catholic Teacher* at the address on the form. The award winners will be selected by a panel of judges from the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton, chaired by Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, MSHS.

## 2008 WINNERS

**Bishop Neumann  
Jr./Sr. High School**  
Wahoo, Nebraska

**Christ the King Catholic School**  
Norfolk, Virginia

**Gesu School**  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Incarnate Word Academy  
- Elementary Level**  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**O'Hara Catholic School**  
Eugene, Oregon

**Paul VI Catholic High School**  
Fairfax, Virginia

**Rome Catholic School**  
Rome, New York

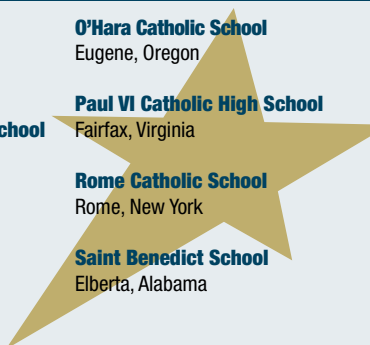
**Saint Benedict School**  
Elberta, Alabama

**St. Clare School**  
Staten Island, New York

**St. Mary School**  
Riverside, Illinois

**St. Michael's School**  
Poway, California

**Seton Catholic School**  
Hudson, Ohio





# ENTRY FORM

Complete this form and attach it to a two-page description (approximately 600 words) of the school's qualifications for the award.

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade levels \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students \_\_\_\_\_ Number of faculty \_\_\_\_\_

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

School website address \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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This entry is submitted by \_\_\_\_\_







Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Judges: Please consider this nomination on the basis of the school's accomplishments in the area of (check only one):

-  An innovative project in marketing your Catholic school \*
-  An innovative project in reconstructing or merging schools \*
-  An innovative project in promoting Catholic identity
-  An innovative project in curriculum and instruction
-  An innovative project facilitated by technology
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