



Catholic Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph

High School Graduates Class of 2010

Catholic high school graduates enter society valuing their relationships with God, their peers, and the world around them. The Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph is pleased to present this profile of the graduates of the Class of 2010. Each student leaves with a vision, a mission, and a prayer.

- **Catholic Identity** – In each school day, our students have an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Through prayer, religious education, and an active participation in and affirmation of the sacramental life of the Church, Catholic schools form young people for the faith.
- **Service** – In this school year, high school students throughout the diocese offered 260,016 hours of service to their communities. Education in the Catholic tradition connects the heart and mind to what matters. Service learning inspires our students to be catalysts for change, empowered by a belief in God.
- **Graduation Rate** – In our high schools, 99.7% of our seniors met all academic requirements and received diplomas. In the State of Missouri, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education reported that 85% of seniors received diplomas.
- **Academic Excellence** - Catholic high school students believe in their potential and have acquired the knowledge and skills to build a life. Their average ACT test score is 24.7, compared to a national average of 21.1. Three graduates achieved perfect scores of 36.
- **Preparation for Next Level Success** – Of our high school graduates, 98% have confirmed plans for college or university. On average, each has accepted \$7,418 in *academic* scholarships for their first year of college. This does not reflect athletic scholarships, service awards, needs-based financial assistance, or academic scholarships pending. Four students have accepted appointments to military academies, and six will enter military service.
- **National Academic Recognition** – A high percentage of our seniors received recognition through the National Merit Achievement Program:
 - 20 National Merit Finalists
 - 22 National Merit Semi-Finalists
 - 26 National Merit Commended Students
- **Statewide Academic Recognition** — Of our 835 high graduates, 25 achieved the distinction of being Missouri Bright Flight Scholars and three were named to Missouri Scholars 100.



Go into the world and
serve the Lord.

