



Catholic Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph

High School Graduates Class of 2009

Catholic schools partner with parents in bringing their children closer to God, helping them develop moral frameworks, and producing unmatched academic achievement. We proudly present to you facts about the Class of 2009.

- **Catholic Formation and Identity** – In each school day, our students have an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Through prayer, religious education instruction, 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 126,704 hours of service to their communities. We believe that education connects the heart and mind to what matters. Service learning trains our young people to share their gifts and talents.
- **Graduation Rate** – In our high schools, 99.7% of our seniors met all academic requirements and received diplomas. In the State of Missouri, 93% of seniors received diplomas. Overall, Missouri graduates 81% of its high school students.
- **Preparation for College** – Of our high school graduates, 99% have confirmed plans for college or university. On average, each has accepted \$12,859 in *academic* scholarships for their first year of college. This does not reflect athletic scholarships or need-based financial aid. One student accepted an appointment to a military academy, and six will enter military service.
- **National Academic Recognition** – A high percentage of our seniors received recognition through the National Merit Achievement Program:
 - 18 National Merit Finalists
 - 19 National Merit Semi-Finalists
 - 26 National Merit Commended Students
- **Statewide Academic Recognition** — Of our 766 high school graduates, 10 achieved the distinction of being Missouri Bright Flight Scholars, three were named to Missouri Scholars 100, one was honored with a Kansas Exceptional Performance Scholarship, and two as Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholars.