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COVINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS NAMED ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION

U.S. Secretary of Education, John B. King, Jr., announced today that Covington Catholic High School has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. Covington Catholic is one of 279 public and 50 private schools receiving this honor.

Schools are nominated for the award by the state department of education, and then complete a comprehensive application about school practices. Schools may apply for status as Exemplary High Performing—among the top schools in a state—or Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing—schools making the fastest progress in the their state in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Covington Catholic was selected in the Exemplary High Performing category.

Now in its 34th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on fewer than 8,500 schools. CovCath is one of only two high schools in the state of Kentucky to receive this award in 2016, and also won it previously in 2007. According to information on the National Blue Ribbon Schools site, CovCath is the ONLY high school in Kentucky and one of only about 30 high schools nationwide who have received the award TWICE in the past decade.

Mr. Bob Rowe (Principal), Mrs. Carol Rasp (World Languages Department Chair and Teacher), and Mr. Bill Krumpelbeck (Science Department Chair, Teacher, and Coach) will represent Covington Catholic at a two-day awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November to celebrate this achievement.

Mr. Rowe said about the award: “We are very pleased and proud to be recognized again as a National Blue Ribbon School. This very significant recognition by the U.S. Department of Education is based on an extremely rigorous and thorough assessment. The Blue Ribbon

selection endorses the efforts of the staff, faculty, students, families, Diocese of Covington leadership and community supporters of Covington Catholic who have together produced exceptional results in the advancement of our Mission.”

For more information about the National Blue Ribbon Schools program, please visit <http://nationalblueribbonsschools.ed.gov/>

Covington Catholic High School is a college preparatory high school within the Diocese of Covington. It is an all-male school of 597 whose mission is to embrace the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in order to educate students spiritually, academically, physically and socially.

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