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Catholic School Graduates Earn High ACT Scores

ST. LOUIS – The Class of 2016 at Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis continues to demonstrate high academic achievement with this year’s ACT test results. Data released today from the ACT showed Catholic school test scores remained stable even while the Missouri state average decreased significantly.

The 2016 average composite score for Catholic school graduates in the archdiocese is 24.7, nearly equal to the 2015 score of 24.8. The statewide average declined from 21.7 in 2015 to 20.2 this year.

Individual subject area tests demonstrated strong academic performance across all disciplines. The Catholic high school average score for individual tests are:

SUBJECT AREA TEST	ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS	MISSOURI STATE AVERAGE
Composite	24.7	20.2
English	25.7	19.7
Mathematics	23.1	19.8
Reading	25.5	20.6
Science	24.2	20.4

“We are incredibly proud of our graduates. We measure student success in many ways and the ACT test scores again confirm the outstanding work of our students and teachers,” said Superintendent of Catholic Education Dr. Kurt Nelson. “Achieving this level of success at graduation is the result of hard work during the high school years, building on the strong foundation students receive in our Catholic elementary schools.”

The Catholic high school scores include 2,917 seniors (98.2% of the Class of 2016) from all 27 Catholic high schools in the archdiocese. The archdiocese is the oldest and largest system of schools in the state of Missouri, with over 39,000 students.

The results for the Class of 2016 continue a long history of academic success in Catholic high schools. In 2015, the Archdiocese of St. Louis had the fourth highest score of any school system in Missouri. The Catholic Education Office releases archdiocesan average scores, but not individual school scores.

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