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Cardinal Pacelli School Named 2008 National Blue Ribbon School

Cardinal Pacelli School in Mt. Lookout, today is honored to be selected as one of the 2008 National Blue Ribbon Schools. One of only 50 private schools selected for this prestigious award, Cardinal Pacelli demonstrated an excellence in education and ability to maintain those excellent standards over time.

For 26 years the Department of Education has honored schools for helping students achieve at very high levels. "We are honored to be selected for this award. Academic excellence combined with the community that is Our Lord Christ the King parish are what make us special." Said Kim Roy, principal of Cardinal Pacelli School, "Cardinal Pacelli has always been an excellent place for students to learn and grow. This award validates the achievements of our students and the faculty that supports them."

Fr. Robert Obermeyer, Pastor stated, "We are blessed at Cardinal Pacelli School to have the many dedicated teachers, staff and parents that want to make our school the best it can be. We also have the faithful support of our parish community. I am proud of all of them."

The official award presentation will be in Washington DC on October 20-21 where Kim Roy will be presented with the official Blue Ribbon School flag and a commemorative plaque. A full celebration for the school and parish will take place beginning October 23. Many events will take place that week, including an All-School Mass and School Assembly planned for Thursday October 23rd. On Sunday, October 25th, the Parish will celebrate at the 10:00 Mass and all parishioners and members of the community are invited to a Reception at School immediately following.

About the Blue Ribbon award-----The No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools Program has honored public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. A Blue Ribbon School flag waving overhead has become a trademark of excellence, a symbol of quality recognized by everyone from parents to policy-makers in thousands of communities.

High performing schools are one model recognized under the program. Schools, regardless of their demographics, that are in the top 10 percent of schools in their states as measured by state tests in both reading and mathematics or that score in the top 10 percent on assessments referenced against national norms in at least the highest grade tested in the last year tested are considered "high performing" and eligible for the award.

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Cardinal Pacelli School has 377 students in grades Pre-K through 8. The school is affiliated with Our Lord Christ the King Church and is located in the Mt. Lookout neighborhood of Cincinnati, OH. For more information, visit our website www.cardinalpacelli.org or call (513)321-1048