



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL

Press Release



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School Recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society for Catholic Education and Identity

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School (OLMC) in Newport News has earned national recognition as an outstanding Catholic school from the Cardinal Newman Society. OLMC is one of the top 67 schools nationwide named to the Cardinal Newman Society's Catholic Education Honor Roll (2020-2025) and the first school in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond to receive this distinction.

"We are so honored that the Cardinal Newman Society has recognized the area we feel is the most important in our school and that is building a Catholic culture where students meet Christ and encounter the love of God each day," says Rev. W. Daniel Beeman, pastor for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church and episcopal vicar of Catholic Schools' Mission and Identity for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

The school engaged in a thorough internal and external review to present its submission for the application and award process. The society's process involves looking at all aspects of the Catholic faith as it is lived in the educational experience of the school. The Cardinal Newman Society looks to see that the faith is taught with passion and truth, and that Catholic identity is instilled in every facet of the school's life. A rigorous academic experience is expected, but earning the honor roll status also examines course instruction and curriculum, Sacramental and devotional life, faith and morals in the school's discipline, teaching, and operation.

"This award honors the decades of work our parish and school have spent building a strong, faithful, Catholic environment for our students to learn," explains Rev. Beeman. "Many families love OLMC Catholic School because of the quality education, small class sizes and partnering we offer to our parents. But the hallmark of our school is that every child finds the love of Jesus and the Catholic Church in everything we do."

Based in Merrifield, Va., and founded in 1993, the Cardinal Newman Society identifies and supports clear standards of Catholic identity and best practices in Catholic education. Its mission is to "promote and defend faithful Catholic education." Learn more about the Cardinal Newman Society by visiting the organization's website: <https://newmansociety.org/about/>

Read OLMC's report for the honor roll application and more about the Catholic Education Honor Roll by visiting our website: <https://www.olmc-school.com>

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School is a ministry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, in Newport News, Virginia. OLMC School is staffed by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia of Nashville, and has been in service to the Church and community since 1953. The school currently operates with in-person, daily instruction for 260 students. The mission of OLMC School is to "unite with family and community to provide a Christ-centered, authentically Catholic, and educationally stimulating environment, where students recognize their God-given gifts and achieve their highest potential."