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ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS NAMED ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION
ONLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HOUSTON TO WIN THREE NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARDS

HOUSTON – U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, announced today that St. John Paul II Catholic School (“StJPII”) has been named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School. StJPII is one among 300 public and 49 private schools receiving this honor nationally. StJPII has already twice received this honor, once in 1997 and again in 2008. Winning in 2018 makes StJPII the FIRST and ONLY elementary school in Houston (public or private) to receive the National Blue Ribbon School award three times.

“We have always known our school is truly the best of the best, but this third award confirms that others recognize this about StJPII as well,” said Theresa Bramanti, StJPII School Board President. “When our school was awarded our first National Blue Ribbon, it was exciting. The second award, 10 years later, was thrilling. Now in 2018, we continue to be amazed by all that our Lord has provided. This recognition puts StJPII in the top 1% of schools in the U.S. and secures our status as a Top 10 Texas elementary school.”

National Blue Ribbon Schools are on education’s cutting edge, pioneering innovative educational practices in the classroom and beyond. The coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

StJPII is dedicated to working in partnership with parents to develop students into future leaders. The foundation that the faculty provides prepares StJPII students spiritually and academically to succeed and do God’s will. As a result, numerous academic scholarships are annually awarded to StJPII graduates. In addition to the rigorous academic program, StJPII has award-winning athletics, fine arts and enrichment programs to match.

StJPII Principal Rebecca Bogard and other school officials will represent StJPII at a two-day awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., where they will hear from Secretary DeVos and other esteemed educators, share best practices with each other, and celebrate their hard-won achievements. For more information about StJPII, please contact visit www.jp2.org/BlueRibbon. For more information about the National Blue Ribbon Schools program, please visit <http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/>.

About St. John Paul II Catholic School:

St. John Paul II Catholic School (StJPII) is an independent Catholic school located in West Houston near Katy at 1400 Parkway Plaza Drive. StJPII was established in 1988 as a private independent Catholic School, is a registered non-profit corporation in the state of Texas, and has three times been awarded National Blue Ribbon Exemplary status in 1997, 2008, and 2018. The school’s mission is to prepare all students spiritually and academically to succeed in life and to do God's will. Tuition discounts are granted to employees of Catholic organizations. More information about StJPII can be found at www.jp2.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/jp2houston.

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