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The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston Placed on the College Board's 8th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success

Charleston, SC — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston is one of 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll. To be included on this honor roll, the Diocese of Charleston had to, since 2015, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that Catholic schools in South Carolina are successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

“We are exceedingly proud of the recognition of the work of our schools to ensure that all students who choose a Catholic education are provided with the opportunity to succeed,” said Sandra Leatherwood, school superintendent for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston. “This is the hallmark of Catholic education in the Diocese of Charleston.”

In 2017, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both, and/or consideration in the admissions process. Inclusion in the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three years of AP data, from 2015 to 2017, looking across 38 AP Exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used.

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;
- Increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams and increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and

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- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2017 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2015 percentage, *unless* the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 or higher.

The complete 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found [here](#).

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About the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

The Catholic Diocese of Charleston comprises the entire state of South Carolina with Charleston as its See city. Founded in 1820 by Pope Pius VII, it is one of the oldest Catholic dioceses in the United States.