

The Office of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Richmond wishes to express its congratulations to the students, faculty, staff, parents, pastors and administration of



*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, Newport News, VA*

For being honored by the United States Department of Education as a 2009

No-Child-Left Behind *Blue Ribbon School.*

This school joins the following schools in the Diocese of Richmond who have earned this prestigious honor:

Charlottesville Catholic School, Charlottesville

Sacred Heart Catholic School, Danville

St. Gertrude Catholic High School, Richmond

St. Mary Catholic School, Richmond

Walsingham Academy Lower School (2xs), Williamsburg

St. Bridget Catholic School, Richmond

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, Virginia Beach

To reward successful schools, the U.S. Department of Education established the *No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon Schools Program* to honor those elementary and secondary schools in the United States that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels. The program recognizes and presents as models both public and private elementary and secondary schools that meet either of two assessment criteria.

It recognizes schools, regardless of their demographics, that are in the top 10 percent of schools as measured by state tests in both reading (language arts or English) and mathematics or that score in the top 10 percent on assessments referenced against national norms at a particular grade in at least the highest grade tested in the last year tested.

These Blue Ribbon Schools are honored at a Washington, DC ceremony. In addition, the winning applications are posted on the [Department of Education website](#).