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SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL NAMED 2009 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Hudson, Ohio – Secretary Arne Duncan has announced that Seton Catholic School was selected by the U.S. Department of Education as a 2009 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Seton will be honored at a formal ceremony in Washington D.C. on November 2 – 3, 2009. The Blue Ribbon School Program recognizes public and private K-12 schools for their academic excellence and ability to help students achieve at very high levels. The Seton Catholic School community is honored to be one of only 50 private schools in the nation to receive this prestigious award.

Seton Catholic School met and exceeded the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence eligibility guidelines in part because its students have continued to score in the top 10 percent of the United States on national standardized testing. Seton Principal Harry L. Selner made the announcement at a school assembly and congratulated the faculty and students. “This is the highest honor a school can receive from the federal government. What an honor for all of us, especially the wonderful teachers here at Seton to whom much deserving thanks and credit must be given.”

Upon learning of the distinguished award, Seton Board of Directors Chair Michael Boehringer said, “Receiving this award from the U.S. Department of Education is first and foremost a testament to the leadership, faculty and staff of Seton Catholic School. Secondly, it is a tremendous affirmation to all of those parents and families that made a commitment to Seton throughout its 13 year history. At Seton Catholic School, we continually challenge ourselves to offer an exceptional academic product to our students. The Blue Ribbon award validates our focus and concerted efforts. To be recognized as one of the top schools in the entire United States is both an honor and a blessing. On behalf of the board of directors, I want to express our sincere appreciation for being considered among the best of the best.”

Established in 1996, Seton Catholic School enjoys a reputation of excellence in Catholic education built upon a balanced curriculum that fosters spiritual and physical development, academic excellence, service to others, and responsibility to self. In 2008 Seton received national recognition as a “*Catholic Schools for Tomorrow*” award-winner - one of only 12 elementary and secondary schools in the United States - to be recognized for

leading the way by implementing exemplary, innovative programs to improve the teaching and learning of their students.

A timeline of Blue Ribbon events will begin with Principal Harry L. Selner and Assistant Principal Sister Helen Weis attending the awards ceremony in Washington D. C. on November 3rd. Seton Catholic School will be recognized with a special plaque and flag signifying U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School status. A Blue Ribbon celebration and liturgy is scheduled for November 18th at Seton for the community. Seton Catholic School serves 410 students kindergarten through eighth grade from 20 communities in Northeast Ohio.

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About Seton Catholic School

Seton Catholic School of Hudson, a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, was established in 1996. Seton is an independent regional Catholic school serving 20 communities in Northeast Ohio. A growing student population consists of 410 students for 2009-2010. Graduates have been accepted to and are attending exceptional high schools and colleges. The approved curriculum of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the State of Ohio is the foundation for the program of study at Seton. Seton is a non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors. For more information about Seton Catholic School or to schedule an interview with Principal Mr. Harry Selner, please contact Communications Director Pat Fritz at 330.342.4200 ext.226 / fritzp@setoncatholicsschool.org and visit our website - www.setoncatholicsschool.org.