

# Regina Pacis Academy

## Honor Roll for Catholic values

NORWALK—Recently, Regina Pacis Academy in Norwalk was recognized as a Catholic Education Honor Roll School. The national Honor Roll program is directed by the Cardinal Newman Society and, while it has recognized over 300 high-performing Catholic high schools nationwide since the program's inception in 2004, Regina Pacis Academy is one of the first elementary schools to receive this recognition—and the first elementary school in Connecticut to do so.

Regina Pacis Academy engaged in a thorough internal and external review of its comprehensive program offerings before being awarded this status. It has received specific recognition for its strong integration of Catholic identity throughout its efforts, including the integrity of its mission and the strength of its community and rich spiritual life. The Honor Roll also recognized the school's efforts at integral formation of the minds, bodies and spirits of its students as well as its comprehensive academic program which seeks to instill a Christian vision of the world and human wisdom and culture.

"The Honor Roll is a helpful



IN THE SPRING of 2014 our then newly appointed Bishop of Bridgeport Bishop Frank Caggiano came to bless Anchor Academy (Regina Pacis) and Cardinal Newman Academy. It was a day of joy; the culmination of nine years of prayer, hard work and the generosity of many people.

tool for families and benefactors in recognizing the quality of a Catholic elementary or high school," said Patrick J. Reilly, president of The Cardinal Newman Society. "It is external validation that a school is both focused and successful in meeting the high calling of Catholic schools to serve the well-being and salvation of students and to serve the common good."

Dr. Denise Donohue, coordinator of the Honor Roll, stated, "We are very pleased to have

Regina Pacis Academy join in the nationally recognized ranks of excellence; this is a select group. The school has well demonstrated they are successful in meeting the key principles that guide Catholic education."

Kimberly Quatela, principal of Regina Pacis Academy remarked, "It is great affirmation for Regina Pacis Academy to be recognized by the Catholic Education Honor Roll—and to specifically be recognized for our authentically Catholic, distinctly classical edu-

cational philosophy. This distinction confirms our commitment to the mission, and the renewal even, of Catholic education. I applaud the leadership, administration, students, parents, teachers and staff for their hard work in assuring a strong Catholic identity permeates all that we do in preparing our students to be future leaders in both society and the Church."

Regina Pacis Academy is an independent, Catholic classical school located in Norwalk, Connecticut, serving students in grades K-8, offering an academically rigorous curriculum from the classical tradition for all who desire to attend. Families hail from towns across Fairfield County and surrounding areas. The mission of Regina Pacis Academy is to achieve academic excellence by providing a Roman Catholic Classical education taught by teachers loyal to the Magisterium.

(For more information on Regina Pacis Academy visit: [www.reginapacisacademy.org](http://www.reginapacisacademy.org). For more information on the Catholic Education Honor Roll contact: [honorroll@CatholicEducationHonorRoll.org](mailto:honorroll@CatholicEducationHonorRoll.org) or visit: [newmansociety.org/catholic-ed-honor-roll](http://newmansociety.org/catholic-ed-honor-roll).)

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yellow construction paper "bees" to top off the palm-sized bots and devised computer code to send their bees on paths to collect from pots of "honey" spread across a board.

Another robot, Jimu, has arms and legs and, given the appropriate commands, can dance. Assumption students work with the robots starting in kindergarten. "Even the little kids can build Jimu, make it dance and drive it," said Shea.

Funds for the robotics came from an innovation grant by Foundations in Education.

During Technology Collaboration Day, teachers did indeed, "mix, mingle and network." They brought home a kaleidoscope of new ideas and new programs to explore with their students. It may be that, somewhere out there right now, a math teacher is teaching students the code to make dice on a 3D printer. In diocesan schools, the future is already here.

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