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Quigley Catholic named to high school honor roll

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ECONOMY - There was a time when even western Pennsylvania residents couldn't keep straight the name of Quigley Catholic High School.

These days, Quigley is earning more than name recognition.

The Economy high school has been named to the inaugural Catholic High School Honor Roll, a list of the top 50 Catholic secondary schools in the United States.

The high school list was prepared by the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based cross-denominational organization that studies links between spirituality and economic thinking.

That's a long way from 1993, when the Rev. David Menegay took over as principal at the school.

At that time, the word "Catholic" wasn't included in Quigley's name, leading to all sorts of confusion with the Quaker Valley School District, about a 15-minute drive to the south.

"When I received a letter from the WPIAL congratulating the Quaker Valley tennis team, I decided the word 'Catholic' had to be added to our name," Menegay said.

Being one of just three Pennsylvania schools name to the list serves to strengthen that identity, Menegay said.

"Receiving the Catholic High School Honor Roll award reinforces our identity," he said. "Our students know who we are, and now no one will confuse us with any other school."

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