
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School wins National Academic Decathlon competition

Description

Middle school students from the Yorba Linda campus received the first place overall award for the National Catholic Academic Junior High Decathlon.

Garden Grove, Calif. (March 31, 2022) — St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School took home the top honor from the National Catholic Academic Junior High Decathlon, a competition made in partnership with the National Catholic Educational Association. This event, geared for children grades 6 to 8, was held virtually on March 26.

The Yorba Linda campus' team, coached by Jennifer Pigott under Principal Jeannette Lambert, won the 1st place overall award, which recognized the children's skills and knowledge in a variety of topics, such as logic, current events, English, fine arts and religion.

"This is a huge accomplishment for St. Francis of Assisi, as well as our other schools that participated, given the dedication, time and talent that goes into coaching, preparing and participating for the decathlon itself," said Dr. Denise Valadez, associate superintendent of curriculum, spirituality and accreditation for the Diocese of Orange Department of Catholic Schools.

Individual students from Diocese of Orange Catholic schools were recognized as well. Their awards and categories are listed below:

2nd place – Current Events – St. Edward the Confessor, Dana Point

3rd place – English – St. Edward the Confessor

2nd place – Fine Arts – Blessed Sacrament, Westminster

2nd place – Literature – St. Juliana Falconieri, Fullerton

1st place – Mathematics – St. Francis of Assisi, Yorba Linda

2nd place – Religion – St. Francis of Assisi

3rd place – Science – St. Francis of Assisi

2nd place – SuperQuiz – St. Francis of Assisi

Media outlets that would like individual students' names or wish to speak with the Diocese about the awards are asked to contact Bradley Zint (bzint@rcbo.org, 714-282-6052) and Christina Montes (cmontes@rcbo.org, 714-282-6035).

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