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**SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL KNOWLEDGE MASTERS PLACE AMONG TOP TWELVE
ACADEMIC TEAMS IN THE NATION!**

Elizabethtown, KY – June 14, 2016 – The Knowledge Masters team at Saint James Catholic School just returned from the 9th Annual Junior National Academic Championship in Chicago, Illinois.

One of three schools from Kentucky in attendance at the championship, Saint James Catholic School advanced to one of the final four teams. Saint James lost in the semi-final round to the Next Generation team which eventually won the championship. Their advancement to the semi-finals placed them among the top twelve academic teams in the nation.

“The Saint James Catholic Church community is extremely proud of our young students who have shown great poise and academic excellence throughout the entire school year,” said Fr. Martin Linebach, Pastor of Saint James Catholic Church. “As one of the top academic teams in the nation, Saint James Catholic School continues to demonstrate that it is traditionally Catholic and progressively academic.”

This is the first time the Saint James Catholic School Knowledge Masters team attended the three-day event. Students who make up the team for Saint James School include Tanner Bateman, Carson Ching, Matthew Dyer, Emerson Harner and Matthew Muse. The team is coached by Laurie Swink and Margie Belcher, both members of the faculty at Saint James Catholic School.

Knowledge Masters is an event sponsored by HCEC-TV in which teams from local schools compete against each other in a game show type format. Members of the Saint James Catholic School team have been preparing for this event for months through study and extra practices to perfect their teamwork.

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