**Week 15: Catholic Athletes for Christ Top 25 High School Football Rankings for December 1, 2021**

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The countdown to the end has started for the teams from the Catholic Athletes for Christ Top 25 High School football rankings presented by Global Football. It’s the first week in December that means state championship games.

If aren’t playing for a title this weekend, and many states will be, then it’s the state semifinals and two games remain.

When teams finished the 2020 season, the goal for the next season (2021) was to win your last game. That means hardware for the athletic department’s trophy case and all the hours spent in the weight room, attending combines, watching tape, going to speed and agility tutors and 7-v-7 tournaments paid dividends. Only the strong survive.

This week is the busiest for state championships as 16 states and the District of Columbia are among those crowning champions. The list of states includes Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey (public schools only), New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington and West Virginia.

We’ve highlighted the CAC related teams in the Triple Option section that are involved in state championship contests this weekend.

With nearly four months of games in the books, the CAC Top 25 rankings, 14 teams have completed their season, four more added state or conference championship titles this week, bring the total to eight ranked teams. Four teams moved up four spots and four ascended one. One team dropped a rung and there were three additions.

No. 16 Jesuit (New Orleans), No. 20 Christian Brothers College (St. Louis, Mo.) and No. 22 Serra (San Mateo, Calif.) were added. Only Serra re-enters after winning a California Interscholastic Federation-Central Coast Section Division 1 title. The Padres will play No. 1 Mater Dei (Santa Ana, Calif.) next weekend in the state final.

CBC won the Missouri Class 6 state crown and Jesuit is one win from a perfect season and Louisiana Division I state title.

We’re also hearing two teams from the CAC Top 25 rankings will be selected to play in the GEICO High School Bowl Series to be played on Dec. 17 and 18. Games will be televised by ESPN. The only hint is one is from the Middle Atlantic and another from the West will host the two games. We’ll have more on bowl games as it develops.

Before we reveal the updated CAC Top 25, we’ll revisit the weekly feature called the Triple Option, which identifies two student-athletes, two coaches and state playoff games worth noting.

The players are from midwestern states and committed to major programs from their home states. This week’s coaches completed perfection seasons, capped by state championships in Illinois and New Jersey. As for the top games, it’s a potpourri of crowning moments from Massachusetts to Washington (D.C.) to Ohio to Oregon.

**Triple Option**

**Players of the Week:** Running back Jordan Anderson of No. 18 Joliet (Ill.) Catholic Academy and linebacker/running back Drayk Bowen of Andrean (Merrillville, Ind.). Both players are neighboring midwestern states, who played on championship teams.

Anderson becomes the first player to earn a rare second CAC Player of the Week honor for the 2021 season. He earned this one after an Illinois Class 4A final rushing record with 306 yards when the Hilltoppers trounced Sacred Heart-Griffin (Springfield), 56-27, in the 4A final at Huskie Stadium in DeKalb.

It was JCA’s state record 15th state championship.

JCA (14-0) trailed 7-0 early but Anderson got cooking with the first of his five touchdowns from 2 yards to tie it. JCA took the lead for good at 14-7 after one quarter. Anderson’s 35-yard TD run and 32-yard scoring reception from QB Aidan Voss for a 35-13 edge at the break.

Anderson, an Illinois recruit, closed out his prep career with TD runs from 26 and 6 yards in the fourth quarter. For the game, he ran for 306 yards and four scores on 30 carries (10.2 yards a pop!). He also caught two passes for 67 yards and a score.

In Lucas Oil Stadium, Bowen showed why he is “Mr. Versatile” and has a high-end recruiting pedigree. The junior did a little of everything or you may say a lot of anything during Andrean’s 21-9 victory over Mater Dei (Evansville) for the Class 2A championship in Indianapolis.

At 6 feet 2 inches, 215 pounds, Bowen is the nation’s 44th ranked recruit from the Class of 2023 and Indiana’s top junior prospect. There’s a reason why he committed to Notre Dame on Nov. 3 over the likes of Michigan, Arkansas, Missouri, Penn State, Michigan State, Clemson, Kentucky and Auburn.

Last weekend, Bowen made six tackles (2.5 for loss) with and forced a key fumble deep in Andrean territory with the game in the balance. He also carried 24 times for a career-high 171 yards (7.1 yards a carry) and three TDs. He also punted three times for an average of 35.3 yards--all inside the 20-yard line.

Bowen is also a pro-prospect baseball player, where he hits for power and above average, and plans to play both sports at Notre Dame.

**Coaches of the Week:** Vito Campanile of No. 2 Bergen Catholic (Oradell, N.J.) and Dan Rohn of No. 15 De La Salle Collegiate (Warren, Mich.). Whenever your team runs the table or goes unbeaten with a state championship to boot, it’s clearly the Holy Grail.

In New Jersey, Campanile guided the Crusaders to a 28-7 victory over archrivals Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey) in the Non-Public A championship at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford. Finishing 12-0 and playing in one of the nation’s top leagues, BC recorded its first undefeated season since 1998 and eighth overall.

The Crusaders claimed their 15th postseason championship, sectional or state, and the first one since 2017. That last BC championship squad was headed by Nunzio Campanile, Vito’s brother. Nunzio left following that season to be become an assistant coach at Rutgers University.

In four seasons, Vito Campanile is 32-7 (.821 winning percentage).

Last weekend, the Crusaders trailed 7-0 early but peeled off the next 28 points and lifted the New Jersey hardware and will be crowned the state’s top-ranked team. BC still has a chance to rise in the CAC Top 25 rankings with No. 1 Mater Dei (Santa Ana, Calif.) needing one win to win the California Open Bowl Game next weekend.

Vito Campanile told *The Record*: “"I think it says a lot about who they are, because in my experience, the people that I revere the most and the people who have had the greatest effect on me, in the hardest of times, they become the best version of themselves. And they've done that over and over again."

BC will be one of New Jersey’s top teams in 2022 and are one of four teams favored in Non-Public A.

In Michigan, it was another banner weekend for the Pilots of De La Salle Collegiate and Rohn following a 41-14 blowout of Traverse City Central in the Division 2 final last Friday at Ford Field in Detroit.

Rohn has won five Michigan state championships, the first four were with West Catholic (Grand Rapids) and are clearly the state’s top squad. The Pilots (13-0) scored on their first five possessions for a comfortable 34-0 lead at the intermission.

A year ago, the Pilots lost in the Division 2 final but not this time. Junior QB Brady Drogosh made sure of it, concluding with 174 yards rushing and a TD on 19 carries and passed for 142 yards and three scores.

It was De La Salle’s first championship since 2018, and fourth overall.

**Games of the Week (All times are local and subject to change):** The menu features championship games from seven states and the District of Columbia. These games are what is referred to as “playing for keeps.”

**Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 2, Thursday, 8 p.m.:** Undefeated Catholic Memorial (12-0) goes up against King Philip (Wrentham), which enters at 10-1 for a state championship at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. Last week, CM saw six players spread the wealth, scoring TDs, as the Knights beat rivals Boston College High, 57-34, in the regular season on Thanksgiving. The Knights beat Marshfield, 41-0, in the semifinals advancing to their third straight final (2018, ’19) on Nov. 20.

**New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Class A, Friday, 3 p.m.:** The hometown Brothers of Christian Brothers Academy make the short trip to the Carrier Dome to play Somers in the Class A final. It’s five title games in two days under the Dome.

**Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, Division IV, Friday, 7:30 p.m.:** The Waco ISD Athletic Complex is the site for the Division IV championship between St. Paul Catholic (Shiner) and Sacred Heart Catholic (Muenster).

**Ohio High School Athletic Association, Division I, Friday, 7:30 p.m.:** The seven state title games are spread over three days at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton. The Division I final pits No. 12 St. Edward (Lakewood) and Springfield. Earlier in the day, Ursuline (Youngstown) plays Clinton-Massie (Clarksville) in the Division IV at 10:30 a.m.; and Badin (Hamilton) meets Chardon in Division III at 3 p.m. On Thursday, it’ll be Archbishop Hoban (Akron) and Winton Woods (Cincinnati) in Division II at 7 p.m. Saturday’s menu features Newark Catholic and Maria Stein (Marion) at 10:30 a.m.

**District of Columbia State Athletic Association Class AA, Saturday, 4 p.m.:** It’s Archbishop Carroll of the Washington Catholic Athletic Association playing Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders for the Class AA title on the campus of Georgetown University.

**Kentucky High School Athletic Association Class 6A, Saturday, 8 p.m.:** The St. Xavier Tigers (13-1) hook up with crosstown rivals Male (Louisville) in the 6A final at University of Kentucky’s Kroger Field in Lexington. The Bulldogs (13-0) won first matchup, 28-21, in the regular season on Sept. 3.

**Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division I and III, Saturday:** The nightcap is a heavyweight bout for the Division I title between defending champions No. 9 Catholic (Baton Rouge) and unbeaten No. 16 Jesuit (New Orleans) at Tulane University’s Yulman Stadium, 7 p.m. In the Division III final, St. Charles Catholic (Laplace) faces top-seeded Lafayette Christian Academy. The St. Charles Comets are 10-0.

**Oregon Schools Activities Association, Class 6A, Saturday, 12 p.m.:** The Class 6A title game will be contested at Hillsboro High School in suburban Portland as the No. 19 Central Catholic (Portland) Rams play Tualatin.

# 2021 CAC Honor Roll

# The Catholic Athletes for Christ Honor Roll continues to tabulate the winners.

# As the state/conference champions are crowned, the CAC Top Fall 25 will recognize as many of the schools that qualify for our rankings in this section. To qualify a Roman Catholic operated school with an 11-man football must have won a state sanctioned championship or a postseason tournament that would equate to winning a championship. States are listed alphabetically. Please email us if we missed your school. [Note: We list small-player football state champions, too.]

# We check in last weekend with champions from 13 states and the District of Columbia with 13 teams adding hardware to their trophy cases. The tote board is 26 trophies:

# Indiana: Cathedral (Indianapolis), Class 5A; Andrean (Merrillville), Class 2A.

# Illinois: Joliet Catholic Academy, Class 4A; Fenwick (Oak Park), Class 5A

# Kansas: St. James Academy (Lenexa), Class 4A.

Maine: Cheverus (Portland), 8-man Large.

Maryland: Calvert Hall College (Towson), MIAA A Conference.

Michigan: De La Salle Collegiate (Warren, Mich.), Division 2; Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Division 5; Lansing Catholic, Division 6.

Missouri: Christian Brothers College (St. Louis), Class 6.

Nebraska: Archbishop Bergan (Fremont), Class C2.

Nevada: Bishop Gorman (Las Vegas), Class 5A.

New Jersey: Red Bank Catholic, Non-Public B; Bergen Catholic (Oradell), Non-Public A.

New York: St Francis, Athol Springs, Monsignor Martin Association Class A; St. Mary’s (Lancaster), MMA Class B.; Iona Prep (New Rochelle), NYCHSFL Class AAA, NYCHSAA Class AAA; Chaminade (Mineola), Class AA-1; Holy Trinity (Hicksville), AA-2.

South Dakota: St. Mary (Dell Rapids), Class 9B.

Washington Catholic Athletic Conference: St. Mary Ryken (Leonardtown, Md.), WCAC Metro; St. John’s College (Washington, D.C.), WCAC Capital.

Wisconsin: Catholic Memorial (Waukesha), Division 4; Aquinas (La Crosse), Division 5.

If we dropped the ball and did not mention your school in the 2021 CAC Honor Roll, give us a nudge.

There’s more on the national scene, the 2022 All-American Bowl will continue the Road to the Dome tour on Wednesday at 8 p.m. ET on the NBC Sports YouTube channel, honoring seven All-Americans in the twelfth installment of a 15-episode weekly digital series.

In this week’s episode, presented by U.S. Bank, the All-Americans will be virtually presented with their exclusive All-American jerseys provided by adidas. Only 100 football players receive the honor of wearing the All-American Bowl jersey each year. Each player selected to participate will culminate their high school careers during the 22nd edition of the annual East vs. West senior all-star matchup.

NBC will present live coverage of the 2022 All-American Bowl from the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

This week three players from No. 1 Mater Dei will be honored:

Four-star LB, David Bailey

Four-star RB, Oklahoma commit, Raleek Brown

Four-star WR, Notre Dame commit, C.J. Williams

Now that another holiday season is upon us, reward school and think about this offer from Global Football.

So, you don’t have to have Irish ancestry to enjoy a trip to Emerald Island … with American football as a bonus next summer.

If you like traveling and high school and college football here’s your opportunity.

In conjunction with the 2022 Big Ten Conference opening game is the fifth ***High School Football Showcase*** organized by Global Football. The showcase game features Northwestern and Nebraska as part of the Aer Lingus College Football Series on Aug. 27, 2022, at Aviva Stadium in Dublin, Ireland.

So, here are the details.

High school football athletic directors and coaches are invited to travel overseas with their teams for a competitive game against an American opponent. Schools are encouraged to bring their high school bands, cheerleaders and teams from other sports such as field hockey, rugby and lacrosse.

It will be a memorable trip and cultural experience!

For more information contact Patrick Steenberge (817) 219-7274 or email him Patrick@globalfootball.com. Also visit this site for additional details, [2022 Kildare High School Showcase PPT](http://www.globalfootball.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2022-Kildare-High-School-Showcase-PPT.pdf).

Plan ahead, the Emerald Island trip will be here quicker than before!

We encourage fans, players, parents and coaches to follow the CAC Top 25 through social media at [www.Facebook.com/CACTop25](http://www.Facebook.com/CACTop25) and on Twitter @CACTop25. If there is a team, coach, player or story idea that we may have overlooked, we need to hear from you. Our readers are our greatest resource. We can’t thank you enough and can’t do it without you.

The CAC Top 25 rankings will return on December 8. After that we’re counting down to the end. The final rankings drop prior to Christmas.

Now that we’ve reached December, it’s Advent and St. Nicholas Day is Monday December 6. When purchasing your Christmas presents, please travel safe and support the local businesses in your town. They’ve need a boost after 2020 pandemic. The loyalty of neighbors goes a long way this time of year.

Stay safe and get out and attend a high school game in your state. There’s full complement of title games in the aforementioned states this weekend.

Until next week, God Bless. — *Christopher Lawlor*

**Catholic Athletes for Christ Top 25 High School Football Rankings, Dec. 1, 2021**

**1. Mater Dei, Santa Ana, Calif. (11-0)**

**Previous rank:** 1.

**In the Huddle:** The Monarchs defeated No. 5 Servite (Anaheim), 27-7, in the CIF-Southern Section, Division 1 championship. The game was knotted at 7 after one quarter when RB Ajon Bryant scored on 27-yard run with 7:28 left in the half. RB Raleek Brown scored from the 1 late in the third quarter for a 21-7 edge. WR C.J. Wiliams wrapped up The Monarchs eighth Southern Section title with a TD reception with 2:21 left. The Monarchs are off this weekend and play again on Dec. 11 against No. 22 Serra (San Mateo) in the CIF Open Division Bowl Game at Saddleback College in nearby Mission Viejo.

**2. Bergen Catholic, Oradell, N.J. (12-0)\***

**Previous rank:** 2.

**In the Huddle:** Won Non-Public A championship, defeating archrivals Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey), 28-7, in the final. It was BC’s first state title since 2017 and first unbeaten season since 1998. Princeton-bound RB Ryan Butler scored from 1 and 46 yards. Leading 14-7 at halftime, the Crusaders took a 21-7 edge when junior D.J. Samuels scored from 6 yards. Notre Dame-commit QB Steve Angeli tossed a TD pass to Jayden Bellamy to tie it at 7 in the first quarter. Season complete.

**3. Jesuit, Tampa, Fla. (13-0)**

**Previous rank:** 3.

**In the Huddle:** Defeated Hillsborough (Tampa), 42-0, in the Class 6A, Region 3 final. The Tigers recorded their second shutout of the playoffs and advance to the state semifinals for the sixth time in seven seasons. This weekend’s game will be toughest since the Tigers beat No. 4 St. Thomas Aquinas (Fort Lauderdale) on Sept. 3. This Friday it is powerhouse Northwestern (Miami) who visits for a Class 6A semifinal date.

**4. St. Thomas Aquinas, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (12-1)**

**Previous rank:** 4.

**In the Huddle:** The Raiders crushed Homestead, 56-7, in Class 7A, Region 4 final. The Raiders raced to a 28-7 lead at the break and cruised into the state semifinals. Up next is Buchholz (Gainesville) Friday in Class 7A semifinals at home.

**5. Servite, Anaheim, Calif. (10-3)**

**Previous rank:** 5.

**In the Huddle:** The Friars lost to No. 1 Mater Dei (Santa Ana), 27-7, in the CIF-Southern Section Division 1 final. The Friars kept it closed early but two costly turnovers inside the Mater Dei 20-yard line dented the upset bid. Season complete.

**6. St. John Bosco, Bellflower, Calif. (10-2)**

**Previous rank:** 6.

**In the Huddle:** Season complete.

**7. St. Frances Academy, Baltimore, Md. (8-1)**

**Previous rank:** 7.

**In the Huddle:** Season complete.

**8. St. John’s College, Washington, D.C. (11-0)\***

**Previous rank:** 8.

**In the Huddle:** Won the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Capital championship. Season complete.

**9. Catholic, Baton Rouge, La. (11-1)**

**Previous rank:** 9.

**In the Huddle:** The Bears are bound for LHSAA Division I championship game after dispatching St. Paul’s (Covington), 29-28, in a thrilling semifinal matchup. RB Tae Nicholas rushed for 217 yards and three TDs on 22 carries. Trailing 28-22 late in the fourth quarter, Nicholas scored from 7 yards and Landon Carter’s extra-point was the difference. The Bears play No. 16 Jesuit (New Orleans) Saturday in the Division I final.

**10. Chaminade-Madonna College Prep, Hollywood, Fla. (9-1)**

**Previous rank:** 10.

**In the Huddle:** The Lions overwhelmed Cardinal Newman (West Palm Beach), 48-0 in the Class 3A, Region 4 final. Next is Florida State University High (Tallahassee) in the 3A semifinals at home.

**11. Bishop Gorman, Las Vegas (12-1)\***

**Previous rank:** 12.

**In the Huddle:** Won Class 5A state championship. Season complete.

**12. St. Edward, Lakewood, Ohio (14-1)**

**Previous rank:** 13.

**In the Huddle:** Stopped Upper Arlington, 16-10, in n the Division I semifinals. Danny Enovitch’s 25-yard TD run in the third quarter rallied the Eagles from a 10-7 deficit. WR Rayshawn Manning gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a 52-yard scoring reception.

The Eagles meet Springfield in the Division I final to be played at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton.

**13. Cathedral, Indianapolis, Ind. (14-1)\***

**Previous rank:** 15.

**In the Huddle:** Won a second consecutive Class 5A state championship, beating Zionsville, 34-14, in the final. For the Fighting Irish it was the program’s 14th state title. Junior WR Jaron Tibbs caught 10 passes for 225 yards and TDs of 7 and 10 yards from sophomore QB Danny O’Neill. The signal caller was clutch, throwing for 355 yards and three TDs on 25-of-35 accuracy. The game was tied at 7 through one quarter but the Irish made it 14-7 by halftime and 24-7 heading into the final quarter. Season complete.

**14. De La Salle, Concord, Calif. (10-2)**

**Previous rank:** 16.

**In the Huddle:** Idle. The Spartans meet Folsom on Friday in the CIF-Northern Region Division 1-AA final. The winner gets Orange Lutheran or Cathedral Catholic (San Diego) from the Southern Region on Dec. 10.

**15. De La Salle Collegiate, Warren, Mich. (13-0)\***

**Previous rank:** 17.

**In the Huddle:** Won the Division 2 state championship, defeating Traverse City Central, 41-14, in the final. The Pilots rolled to a 34-0 lead at the intermission. Junior QB Brady Drogosh hit on 14-of-19 passes for 142 yards and three TD and rushed for 174 yards and a score on 19 carries. He accounted for 318 yards from scrimmage and four TDs. Season complete.

**16. Jesuit, New Orleans, La. (10-0) #**

Previous rank: Not ranked.

In the Huddle: The Blue Jays are a win away from the LHSAA Division I championship after beating then-No. 14 Brother Martin (New Orleans), 28-10, in the semifinals. QB Jack Larriviere, the District 9-5A Offensive Most Valuable Player, accounted for all four scores, tossing for a trio and running in another. He hit on 6-of-11 passes for 155 yards and the three TDs and carried 18 times for 96 yards and a 3-yard score in the third quarter to close out their district rivals. Remember, the Jays lost to Brother Martin in the regular season but that loss was overturned for Martin’s use of ineligible players. Next is No. 9 Catholic (Baton Rouge) Saturday for the Division I and Jesuit’s ninth overall state title.

**17. St. Joseph’s Prep, Philadelphia (10-2)\***

**Previous rank:** 18.

**In the Huddle:** The Hawks are two wins from the Class 6A state championship following a 24-21 victory over Freedom (Bethlehem) in the quarterfinals. Samaj Jones ran for scores of 29, 73 and 11 yards for the six-time state champions. The Hawks are back at it this weekend against Garnett Valley (Glen Mills) Saturday in the 6A semifinals.

**18. Joliet (Ill.) Catholic Academy (14-0)\***

**Previous rank:** 19.

**In the Huddle:** Won the Class 4A state championship, beating Sacred Heart-Griffin (Springfield), 56-27, in the final. It was the Hilltoppers’ state record 15th Illinois state championship. Illinois-bound RB Jordan Anderson was a one-man wrecking machine, establishing a Class 4A record with 306 rushing yards and scored five TDs (five rushing, one reception) on 30 carries. He caught two passes for 69 yards and a score. RB Vinny Iannantone added 123 rushing yards and two scores on 23 carries. Season complete.

**19. Central Catholic, Portland, Ore. (14-0)**

**Previous rank:** 20.

**In the Huddle:** The Rams are headed to the Class 6A state final after knocking off rivals Jesuit (Portland), 35-28, in the semifinals. It is their fifth trip to the finals in the last nine years. Next up is Tualatin Saturday afternoon in the 6A final in Hillsboro.

**20. Christian Brothers College, St. Louis, Mo. (13-1)\***

Previous rank: Not ranked.

In the Huddle: Won Class 6 state championship, beating Liberty North, 48-21, in the final. The Cadets closed the season on a 13-game win streak after an opening day loss to East St. Louis (Ill.). It was the program’s fourth title and first since a second straight in 2018. CBC cashed in on the six forced turnover for 31 points. DB Justus Johnson had a 55-yard, pick-six and junior LB Michael Teason added a 37-yard scoop-and-score to bump the lead to 38-7 in the third quarter. RB Jeremiyah Love rushed for 127 yards and scored from 2 and 62 yards while QB Patrick Heitert threw for 97 yards and two TDs, including an 8-yard aerial to Ayden Robinson-Wayne for a 14-0 lead. Season complete.

**21. Iona Prep, New Rochelle, N.Y. (11-1)\*\***

**Previous rank:** 21.

**In the Huddle:** The Gaels made history last weekend capturing the program’s first-ever Catholic High School Athletic Association state championship, toppling St. Francis (Athol Springs), 38-22, in the final. The Gaels were up 17-3 at halftime and closed the campaign with 11 consecutive victories. Junior QB Ajani Sheppard threw for 124 yards and two scores and ran for 70 yards and a TD while becoming the first Westchester County player to throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a single season. Season complete.

**22. Serra, San Mateo, Calif. (12-1)**

Previous rank: Not ranked.

In the Huddle: The Padres are back in the CAC Top 25 after eliminating league rivals and then-No. 11 St. Francis (Mountain View, Calif.), 16-12, in the CIF-Central Coast Section Division 1 final. QB Dominique Lampkin tallied the game-winner from 3 yards to erase a 12-10 deficit with 2:18 remaining in the contest. The Padres are off this weekend and will need it in preparation for top-seeded Mater Dei (Santa Ana, Calif.) for the CIF Open Division Bowl Game on Dec. 11 in Mission Viejo.

**23. Archbishop Moeller, Cincinnati, Ohio (11-4)**

**Previous rank:** 22.

**In the Huddle:** The Crusaders lost in the Division I semifinals to Springfield, 22-21. RB Jordan Marshall gave the Crusaders a 21-16 lead on a 63-yard run with 7:44 remaining in the game. Springfield came right back with a TD four minutes later. Marshall finished with 154 yards rushing and three scores on 16 carries. Season complete.

**24. St. Xavier, Cincinnati, Ohio (10-3)**

**Previous rank:** 24.

**In the Huddle:** Season complete.

**25. Central Catholic, Pittsburgh, Pa. (9-3)**

**Previous rank:** 25.

**In the Huddle:** Season complete.

**Dropped out:** No. 11. St. Francis (Mountain View, Calif.), No. 14 Brother Martin (New Orleans, La.) and No. 25 Calvert Hall College (Towson, Md.).

**Special Consideration:** St. Xavier (Louisville, Ky.); Cathedral Catholic (San Diego, Calif.); Cardinal Gibbons (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.); Columbus (Miami, Fla.); Central Catholic (Grand Rapids, Mich.)\*; Benedictine Military School (Savannah, Ga.); Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey, N.J.); Catholic Memorial (West Roxbury, Mass.);Red Bank (N.J.) Catholic\*; Archbishop Hoban (Akron, Ohio); Catholic Memorial (Waukesha, Wis.)\*; McQuaid Jesuit (Rochester, N.Y.); Loyola Academy (Wilmette, Ill.); Loyola Blakefield (Towson, Md.); St Francis (Athol Springs, N.Y.)\*; Eastside Catholic (Sammamish, Wash.); St. Augustine Prep (Richland, N.J.); Brebeuf Jesuit (Indianapolis, Ind.); La Salle College (Wyndmoor, Pa.); Benedictine (Cleveland, Ohio); Santa Margarita (Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.); St. Thomas Academy (Mendota, Minn.); St. Francis (Mountain View, Calif.); Blessed Trinity Catholic (Roswell, Ga.); Good Counsel (Olney, Md.); DeMatha Catholic (Hyattsville, Md.); Jesuit (Portland, Ore.); Marist (Atlanta, Ga.); St. Rita (Chicago, Ill.); Archbishop Spalding (Severn, Md.); St. Mary Ryken (Leonardtown, Md.)\*; Aquinas (La Crosse, Wis.)\*; Lansing (Mich.) Catholic\*; Cathedral Prep (Erie, Pa.);St. Joseph (Trumbull, Conn.); Fenwick (Oak Park, Ill.)\*;St. Joseph Regional (Montvale, N.J.); Brother Martin (New Orleans, La.), Serra (Gardena, Calif.); Bishop Alemany (Mission Hills, Calif.) and Roncalli (Indianapolis, Ind.).

*# Record includes one forfeit win*

*\*Won state or conference postseason championship [Teams in some states won more than one postseason title]*

**About:** The Catholic Athletes for Christ Top 25 High School Football Rankings, presented by Global Football are released on Wednesdays from late August until the conclusion of the high school season in January. Criteria include the quality of the team and its players, strength of schedule, tradition, and quality of the team’s league, conference, region or district. The rankings are compiled by Christopher Lawlor, who consults with Patrick Steenberge of Global Football in Granbury, Texas to coordinate the CAC Top 25. All Catholic high schools from the United States that feature only four-year players on 11-man teams are eligible for consideration. Fans are encouraged to follow the CAC Top 25 at [www.Facebook.com/CACTop25](http://www.Facebook.com/CACTop25) and on Twitter @CACTop25.

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