

So where have the good Catholics gone?

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[The Princeton Review](#) [1] annually ranks colleges according to 62 different criteria, but none is more popular than its list of Top 20 Party Schools. Penn State took top honors in [this year's list](#) [2], followed by University of Florida, University of Mississippi, University of Georgia and Ohio University.

There was nary a Catholic school on the list.

I don't know if Catholics should be proud--or angry. Hey, we're fun. We party. We even have a reputation for excessive drinking. C'mon--not even one Catholic school was considered Top 20 material by the 122,000 students who voted this year?

On the flip side, Princeton's [2009 Stone Cold Sober School list](#) [3] (topped, as usual by Brigham Young University, followed closely by the evangelical Wheaton College in Illinois) includes a slew of Christian schools and all four military academies--plus one Catholic school: [Thomas Aquinas College](#) [4] in Santa Paula, California.

But what about Tom Monaghan's [Ave Maria University](#) [5] in Florida? Or [Franciscan University](#) [6] of Steubenville in Ohio? I mean, those schools are about as stoney and sober as they get.

I sense anti-Catholic discrimination here. Better get William Donahue of the [Catholic League](#) [7] on this pronto!

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