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**BASKETBALL STAR MIKE AGRIPPINA OF HOLY SPIRIT PREP SCHOOL
INDUCTED INTO 2011 ALL STAR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME AT
CHICAGO BEARS HALAS HALL ALONGSIDE LEGENDARY SPORTS GREATS**

Lake Forest, IL. Georgia's Mike Agrippina of Holy Spirit Prep School received Sports Faith International's highest honor from Chicago Bears' Patrick McCaskey, Chairman of Sports Faith International, at Chicago Bears Halas Hall on Sunday, February 27th in front of a capacity crowd. The award marked the induction of the Basketball Star into the ALL STAR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME as the **2011 MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**. The ceremony also honored 2011 Hall of Fame inductees Pittsburgh Steelers patriarch, Art "The Chief" Rooney, baseball star, Jamie Moyer, Major League Baseball veteran coach Rich Donnelly, Belmont Abbey College President, and former Olympian, Dr Bill Thierfelder, former college quarterback Fr. Joe Freedy, Archbishop Molloy Coach, Jack Curran, (the winningest coach in high school sports) New Jersey based Monsignor Donovan's Dan Duddy, Pennsylvania's Bishop Canevin Varsity Baseball Team, and Anaheim California's Servite High School Varsity Football Team. Katie Rodden of Archbishop Carroll High School in Pennsylvania was inducted as the Female Athlete of the Year. Patrick McCaskey was presented the *Light of Christ* award by Thomas Monaghan, legendary founder of Domino's Pizza, former owner of the World Champion Detroit Tigers, and current Chancellor of Ave Maria University and Ave Maria Foundation. Also on hand were NFL Hall of Famer, Dave Casper, (Sports Faith Hall of Fame 2009) and Chicago Bears Virginia McCaskey, daughter of George Halas.

Inductees are selected on the basis of outstanding athleticism, academics, and exemplary behavior. On the court, the 4.53 GPA team captain, and chaplain, Agrippina, earned All Region honors and led his team in points and rebounds for three consecutive years. He serves as President of the National Honor Society, the *Play like a Champion* apostolate, and Battalion Commander of the Joint Forces Corps of Cadets. According to Agrippina, "I work for excellence and to fulfill all the potential that God has blessed me with and be the best player and person possible".

Sports Faith International and the Sports Faith Hall of Fame: The Sports Faith Hall of Fame was created in 2008 by Sports Faith International to recognize world-class athletes who are known for outstanding dedication to sports and their faith. Sports Faith International is a new media initiative dedicated to utilizing traditional and new media to showcase the connection between sports and faith. Programs for Catholic and mainstream media networks will feature some of the biggest names in the world of sports. Sports have been called a metaphor for life that can teach perseverance, discipline, loyalty, trust, dedication, and fair play. The shows will serve as a platform to discuss the many virtues and life lessons that can be learned from sports. It is part of BVM HELPING HANDS, a 501(c) 3, tax-exempt organization.

