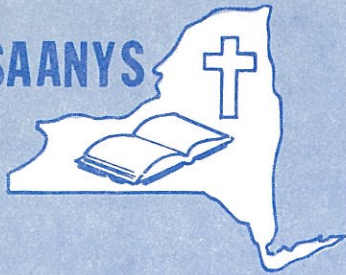


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# NEWSLETTER

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## CSAANYS Cures Textbook Headache for Principals in Rochester

With the consent and cooperation of the diocesan school office, Bro. Thomas Draney, our Field Representative, met with Rochester City School District officials in charge of textbooks to discuss the complaints of our administrators about policies adopted by the district in implementing the NYSTL. Differences of interpretation were discussed, then copies of the Q & A on Textbooks were provided. Bro. Draney made it clear that we felt our position had been thoroughly researched and in conformity with the intent of the law and SED policy, and that CSAANYS was prepared to seek an official ruling from the Commissioner on any areas of substantial disagreement.

CSAANYS was informed recently that Rochester intends to make the following changes in its policy:

1. 100% of books required may be ordered in the spring (former policy allowed 75% in spring and 25% in October).
2. Catholic school personnel will not be required to fill out complicated order forms or to keep inventory records.
3. Procedures for getting textbooks approved will be simplified and clarified.

Formal adoption of the changes is contingent upon the recommendation of their lawyer and another meeting of all interested parties.

## Workshops Scheduled for March -April

CSAANYS will sponsor 3 regional workshops on Religion Education this spring.

**Region I** (Rockville Centre, Brooklyn & New York) will be held on Saturday, April 27th — Site to be determined.

**Region II** (Albany, Syracuse & Ogdensburg) will be held on April 6th at Notre Dame High School, Utica, N.Y.;

**Region III** (Rochester & Buffalo) will be held on Saturday, March 30th at Notre Dame High School, Batavia, N.Y.

Programs containing speakers and pre-registration forms will be in the mails shortly. Make a note of the date for the workshop which will be held in your area.

## Field Trip Busing Held Constitutional

A New York State Supreme Court decision was rendered this past November which requires public school boards to provide transportation for field trips to all nonpublic school children when these field trips are of an educational, non-sectarian nature and where the public school board provides transportation for field trips for public school children within the district. The decision, handed down out of Buffalo by Judge Thomas J. Ryan, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York is another step in clarifying what must be provided under the law by public school districts in the area of transportation. The original complaint was filed by a parent because the Board of Education in Hamburg, N.Y. had refused to furnish transportation to nonpublic school pupils residing within the district for field trips to a dairy farm and a museum. The impact of the decision needs no explanation. Should your local public school district be providing field trip transportation for children in the public schools, then they must do the same for field trips sponsored by nonpublic schools for secular educational experiences.

## Membership of Principals Climbs Near 50%

In mid-February the number of principals went over the 600 mark. Add to this number, 7 supervisory principals, 162 assistant principals, and 46 associate members, for a total of 821 individual members, who make CSAANYS one of the largest

statewide associations of school administrators (public or private) in the country. Of course we are the first, the only dues-supported statewide association of Catholic administrators in the country. Membership statistics are shown at left.

While we have almost 50% of the schools, enrollment statistics reveal that many larger elementary schools obviously have not yet joined. Since CSAANYS is working on such things as Mandated Services which will benefit schools on a per pupil basis, we hope that you will encourage principals of the larger elementary schools to take out membership and help us to help them. The bigger we get, the stronger we will be.

Since we are still growing, your renewal money is our lifeblood.

### ELEMENTARY

### SECONDARY

Diocese	%Potential		%Potential	
	Principals	Membership	Principals	Membership
Ogdensburg	28	90.3	5	100.0
Syracuse	52	74.3	16	94.1
Albany	50	62.5	15	78.9
Rochester	43	51.2	9	100.0
Rockville Centre	36	38.7	10	50.0
New York	117	38.6	55	67.1
Brooklyn	69	34.7	29	90.6
Buffalo	52	30.1	20	62.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>43.3%</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>73.6%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>606 principals or 48.5% • Catholic school principals in the state</b>			

## "PUBLIC" EXPERIENCE TO BE DELETED FROM CHIEF SCHOOL CERTIFICATION

We are happy to report that as a result of our conversations with members of the Division of Teacher Certification of the SED, the Department has presented to the

Legislature a bill (A 8517 & S 7324) which will change the requirement from 3 years of public to 3 years of public or nonpublic school experience for certification on the chief school administrator level (superintendents, district coordinators, etc.). A number of our principals had urged that this be done in order to bring this certification into line with certification on all other levels of teaching and administration. We of course urge you as an individual administrator to write and talk to your local state senators and assemblymen urging them to pass this bill so that those of our principals who have all of the academic and experience qualifications will not be prevented from obtaining this certification because they have not taught in the public school system.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### STUDENT PREGNANCIES

A statewide conference on alternatives to abortion will be held in late spring by the NYS Council of Catholic Charities Directors. Part of the conference will deal with the exploration of current practices and policies of Catholic schools towards pregnancy among teenage girl students.

Principals of our high schools that enroll girls are asked to send to us copies of such policies or, where there are no written policies, a description of the common practices that are or would be followed in the case of pregnancy. We will shortly ask several high school principals to serve on a committee which will have input into the conference in the spring.

### REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP

The winners of this year's Regents College Scholarships were announced in December. There are 3,076 Catholic school 12th graders who won Regents Scholarships in this year's competition. These 3,000-plus winners represent 16.3% of the total which is significant in that only 11% of all seniors in the state attend Catholic schools. At the same time, the 3,000-plus represent one out of every 10 Catholic high school seniors in the state. This would again bear out the generally excellent performance of our schools on standardized testing in comparison with students attending other nonpublic and public institutions.

### STATISTICS

To make certain that legislators have an accurate picture of the Catholic schools in the state, the Association will supplement the statistics sent already by the SED to legislators. We will separate out the Catholic schools from all other public and nonpublic schools in the areas of the SED survey, compiled from reports supplied by our principals to the SED. These areas include enrollment of minority groups, PEP Tests results, winners of Regents Scholarships and percentage of students going to college, etc.

### MORE ON FR. GREELEY

Mr. Ed D'Alessio of the USCC quoted extensively from the results of our "Greeley" survey in a statement which also took issue with Fr. Greeley's main thesis — that Catholic educators had lost faith. In an NCR article on the latest Greeley-McCreedy report; "The Ultimate Values of Americans," which indicates that Catholic schools "may have worked better than most people thought," Fr. Greeley said he



## "Senioritis" Survey Results Compiled

The recent survey on "senioritis" in the 12th grade that CSAANYS circulated to all Catholic high schools within the state, had 71 schools responding. The resultant information has been tabulated by Fr. L. William Gordon, principal of Immaculate Heart Central High School, Watertown, and chairman of the grade 12 "senioritis" committee, and will shortly be sent to all member high schools. The survey should be of great help to those principals who wish to contact principals of other schools that have interesting and innovative programs. In going through the results of the survey, our Executive Board thought that there was not enough interest on the part of the principals to run a specific workshop on the topic of 12th grade "senioritis," but that mailing the results of the survey to each of the member schools would serve for the present as a useful tool to those principals who would like to

For those among us who might feel that the opponents of aid to our schools have won their fight and are resting on their laurels, we wish to point out that the COALITION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY has been formed with many of the same old familiar faces, and that this group has set up offices in Washington in the NEA (National Education Association) Building. Most notable among the groups involved are: NEA, the American Jewish Congress, the American Civil Liberties Union, New York PEARL, the New York State United Teachers Federation and Americans United for Separation of Church and State. This group seeks the eventual destruction and closing of the nonpublic schools in the United States through cutting off any and all aid from tax money — even those forms already upheld as being constitutional.

pursue possible solutions in more detail with principals of other schools who have had successful experience in trying different approaches.

A "senioritis" survey on the 8th grade level was conducted by Sr. Elizabeth Martin, principal of St. Mel's School, Flushing, N.Y. and chairman of the elementary school "senioritis" committee. It elicited a definitely positive response from the 200 principals who were surveyed. Over 125 elementary school principals in the New York City area responded that they considered "senioritis" a problem in their schools and they listed contributing factors and suggested solutions. In all probability, therefore, a workshop will be held in the New York City area on the question of "senioritis" in the 8th grade. More details will be provided shortly. Results of this survey will also be sent out to the elementary school member principals.

### BUFFALO ELECTION

We are presently in the process of electing a new Elementary Representative to the Executive Board from the Buffalo diocese elementary members. Sr. Anne Soukup, OSF, principal of St. Bartholomew's School, and the former Elementary Representative, has found herself unable to continue in the position because of pressing obligations in her new position as principal of a Buffalo inner-city elementary school. A debt of gratitude is owed to Sr. Anne for her tremendous effort as a founding member from the diocese of Buffalo, in helping to establish CSAANYS. We shall miss her services. Nominations have already been processed and a ballot containing the names of the eight finalists will be sent out shortly.

disagreed with Dr. D'Alessio and added: "If the Catholic educational bureaucracy commissions serious, high quality, professional research on the state of Catholic educators (and we fear the N.Y. survey weighs in on none of these dimensions), we will relinquish our impression in the face of facts."

We wrote Fr. Greeley to point out to him that we could and did speak only for in-school administrators, and that in the absence of any "truly professional" survey, the results of our opinionnaire were certainly as valid as his general impression. Our morale is not so low that we can think Fr. Greeley knows better than we do what our thoughts are or where our values are!