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## Legislation State and Federal

At the time of this writing, the NY Legislature is preparing to recess for Memorial Day. CSAANYS, in conjunction with the Parents' Federation and the Superintendents' Council, is conducting a vigorous campaign of written and personal contacts with legislators in order to move bills of particular concern to Catholic school out of committee for a floor vote. The lack of concern for a Catholic parents and students on the part of the Legislature has been translated into a lack of action on bills of benefit to the Catholic schools.

A3347 Ways and Means - transportation for nps on public school holidays  
S342 Education Com. - transportation for nps on public school holidays  
A3610 Education Com. - transportation for nps in city districts  
A3838 Ways and Means - pick-up point  
S643 Education Com. - health services in city districts

See CSAANYS Update for details

CSAANYS urges principals to "fire up" parents to contact their representatives. Constituent pressure in support of this legislation will motivate the Legislature to act. Let it not be said that Catholic schools got little or nothing because Catholics did little or nothing!

As a result of behind-the-scenes, concerted lobbying efforts by the commercial driver training schools, within the past two weeks bills had been introduced to permit these schools to teach a Regents-accredited course and to issue the "blue card". CSAANYS's Executive Director had served on a state-wide Driver Education Committee and had opposed such legislation after a survey of Catholic secondary schools revealed that this was the position of the majority of principals. Through the efforts of the Metropolitan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Assoc. the forward motion of these bills has been stopped. Most of the Catholic schools in New York City and Long Island which teach driver education are members of this Association.

### TEXTBOOKS

A bill, (S3382 and A4725), was introduced to change the present definition of textbooks to include not only textbooks, but textbook supplements. We have opposed this because it would replace the constitutionally approved definition of textbooks with one of doubtful constitutionality. The proposed legislation is to be amended so that the definition of

textbooks and the amount of money allocated will be unaffected.

### EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

Tuition Tax Credit has been reintroduced. The new bill, S.1095, calls for a credit of 50% of elementary and secondary tuition, up to \$100 per child in 1981, and \$250 per child after 1982. College credit would begin at \$250 and rise to \$500. The legislative process through the House and Senate must be started all over again. We are awaiting formulation of a national strategy for support of tuition tax credit. However, one essential lesson learned from last year's T.T.C. battle was the absolute necessity of "grass roots" support, and as the process advances, a repeated call for your involvement is assured.

A second bill, S. 1101, introduced by Senator Daniel Moynihan, would extend the college Basic Education Opportunity Grant to poor elementary and secondary school students who would be eligible for federal grants up to \$1800 a year. Senator Moynihan declared that this was not a substitute for tax credits, but a real test of the true intentions of Congress towards providing educational choices to low and middle income families.

The bill, H.R. 2444, which would establish a cabinet-level Department of Education has progressed to a House Vote. However, it is expected that the legislation will face serious difficulties on the floor of the House. The Senate passed the legislation by a vote of 72-21 on April 30th.

## '79 Workshops

CSAANYS's three regional workshops were attended by over 400 principals, pastors and faculty members of Catholic schools throughout the state. This year's workshop theme, MORAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD, addressed pertinent needs and concerns of Catholic educators in working towards spiritual growth and maturity with young people.

The keynote address, MIRACLES IN THE CLASSROOM, was given by Rev. Richard Fragomeni, coordinator of the Albany Diocesan Liturgy Center. Other speakers included Rev. Gary Gelfenbien, Br. Joseph Jozwiak, FSC, Sr. Patricia Houlihan, RSM, Mr. Arthur Hartmuller, Mr. John Gannon, Mr. William Gaffney and Mr. William P. Gallagher.

Evaluations were returned by 174 workshop participants. The various sessions received an overwhelmingly positive response:

- "uplifting"; "inspiring"
- "a most worthwhile professional experience"
- "You are doing a great job".

A majority indicated support for a 1980 Convocation for the Year of the Family which CSAANYS is considering in conjunction with the Parents' Federation and Catholic Superintendents' Council.

CSAANYS is most pleased that the '79 Workshops were helpful to Catholic educators in New York State. Tapes of the presentations of Father Fragomeni, Father Gelfenbien and Brother Jozwiak are available.

CSAANYS thanks Ed Breitenbach, president of the Northeast NY Chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, who supplied a reprint of EDUCATION POLITICS: LEARNING FROM PACKWOOD-MOYNIHAN by Wm. F. Gavin for each CSAANYS member.

# Elementary Representatives Elected

Three elementary principals were elected to their second two-year term on the Executive Board and five others were elected for the first time in the recent balloting conducted through the mails. Those re-elected, having signified their willingness and ability to continue to devote the time and energy required of a diocesan representative were:

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| Mr. Joseph McTighe     | Albany           | St. Catherine of Siena |
| Sr. Joan Staudohar     | Rockville Centre | St. Rose of Lima       |
| Sr. Joseph Marie Sayah | Ogdensburg       | St. Bernard School     |

**Newly elected representatives to the Board:**

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| Mr. Gerald Cattaro      | Brooklyn  | Sacred Heart School          |
| Sr. Lorretta Anne Flynn | New York  | St. John Vianney School      |
| Sr. M. Margaret Singer  | Syracuse  | St. Anne School              |
| Sr. Janice Morgan       | Rochester | St. Theodore School          |
| Miss Carmel Besch       | Buffalo   | Immaculate Conception School |

CSAANYS's Executive Board will hold its final meeting for 78-79 on June 10th and 11th in Albany. Both present members of the Board and those newly elected will attend. The meeting will include orientation for new Board members, review of the past year's activities and planning for the coming year.

CSAANYS would like to take this opportunity to thank the five out-going Elementary Representatives for their contributions of time and efforts on behalf of the Association and Catholic education in New York State. Retiring from the Executive Board are: Rev. Michael Carrano of Brooklyn; Sr. Monica Agnes Nortz of Syracuse; Sr. Clare Francis Mogenhan of Rochester; Sr. Helen Mary Marks of New York; and Sr. Patricia Burkard of Buffalo.

CSAANYS is most grateful to these administrators for the leadership they have provided the Association. They accepted the additional responsibilities of being a Board member on top of their already busy schedule as principal. We wish them every blessing as they continue in the field of Catholic Education or enter new apostolates.

## Where Do You Stand?

Membership statistics show CSAANYS has 66 percent of Catholic school principals as members. This number would be higher, but 50 principals did not renew their membership between September and December, 1978.

THINK - have you recently received a renewal notice and set it aside for a less hectic moment? Most non-renewals are simply oversights. Please contact us if you are uncertain. We hate to lose members. If finances are a consideration, CSAANYS is willing to negotiate your dues.

Also, if you are an outgoing principal, PLEASE let your successor know about us. Unfamiliarity is another large factor in non-renewals. A big plus for a new principal and CSAANYS is for the departing principal to renew for them.

Br. Bernard G. Flood, executive director of CSAANYS, has been appointed to represent the Catholic schools of New York State on the Advisory Council of the NYS Energy Office. The Advisory Council will work to implement energy conservation measures under the NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY ACT.

## MORE NEWS BRIEFS

### CETA PARTICIPATION IN DOUBT

The federal Labor and Justice Departments are developing new CETA program guidelines which will limit the ability of church-related schools to participate in this national welfare program. While CETA funding would be available to religious schools for the hiring of health aides and kitchen personnel, funding for teaching, maintenance and clerical positions would not be allowed.

Officials of the USCC have voiced vigorous opposition to this curtailment of the rights of church-related schools, stating that "church-related schools may not be quarantined from participation in public welfare programs."

### SUMMER WORKSHOP

From July 15th to July 19th, there will be a workshop on THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND THE FAMILY at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. The workshop will explore the unique responsibility of a Catholic school to the families of its students. For more info contact Sr. Katherine Egan, College of St. Thomas, Department of Education, St. Paul, Minn. 55105.

# Newsbriefs

## REGENTS AMEND REGULATIONS

The Board of Regents amended the following Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

**TEACHER CERTIFICATION:** permits teachers who have provisional certification to accrue part-time or short-term experience to meet the work experience requirement for certification. Regulations currently require two years of full-time experience.

**MATH CERTIFICATION:** increases from 18 to 24 the semester hours of study required for a provisional teaching certificate in the field of math. The new requirements are similar to the concentration necessary for certification in most other academic subjects.

**COMPETENCY TESTING:** new regulations establish final standards in reading, writing and math which are required for high school graduation; spell out remedial instruction requirements for students falling below state-wide reference points; and authorize the awarding of local certificates to students identified as educable mentally retarded.

**LEARN NOT TO BURN:** new teaching materials are available to help schools strengthen programs in fire prevention education in grades K-8. These materials will assist in the implementation of Section 808 of the Education Law mandating instruction in fire prevention. Further information about "Learn Not to Burn" may be obtained from John E. Brennan, NYS Project Consultant, 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231.

## PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS

A state-wide campaign, initiated by Senator James Donovan, to improve the reading ability of elementary school children is now in full swing.

The program encourages parents to spend at least 15 minutes a day reading with their children. The primary targets of the campaign are parents of pre-school and elementary school children.

A copy of a brochure on the program was sent to every elementary school member of CSAANYS. Additional copies are available from Senator James Donovan, 708 Legislative Office Bldg., Albany, NY 12247.

## MEMBERSHIP AS OF May 1, 1979

|                     | Elementary Principals |         | Secondary Principals |         |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
|                     | Schools               | Members | Schools              | Members |
| Rockville Centre    | 89                    | 61      | 19                   | 17      |
| Brooklyn            | 177                   | 74      | 24                   | 23      |
| New York            | 287                   | 180     | 68                   | 54      |
| Albany              | 64                    | 61      | 15                   | 13      |
| Syracuse            | 65                    | 52      | 9                    | 9       |
| Rochester           | 77                    | 58      | 9                    | 8       |
| Buffalo             | 152                   | 76      | 25                   | 18      |
| Ogdensburg          | 28                    | 25      | 3                    | 3       |
| Totals              | 939                   | 587     | 172                  | 145     |
| <b>GRAND TOTALS</b> | <b>SCHOOLS - 1111</b> |         | <b>MEMBERS - 732</b> |         |