

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW JERSEY ALLIANCE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES?

Mission Statement

The Alliance exists to educate and mobilize individuals and organizations to be advocates of educational public policies that support the families whose children attend the Catholic schools of New Jersey

Established in 1996 by the Bishops of New Jersey, the ALLIANCE Directors confer on public policy issues with the New Jersey Catholic Conference's Associate Director for Education, George V. Corwell, Ed.D. Doing all that we can to enact School choice legislation continues to be the ALLIANCE's No. 1 agenda item. While this is our primary focus, we are also involved in numerous public policy issues involving nonpublic school parents, such as Transportation, Technology, Special Education, etc.

2004-2005 Legislative Agenda

The members of the New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families will work to uphold the fundamental rights of parents by securing the passage of legislation:

1. to enact vouchers that would allow public monies to follow the child, where it will do the most good in providing a thorough and efficient education;
2. to permit corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for contributions made to tax-exempt organizations that use the contributions to help provide scholarships to New Jersey children so that they may attend the schools of their choice;
3. to provide for annual New Jersey gross income tax credits for the educational, tutorial, and curriculum-related computer expenses of taxpayers' dependent children in public and nonpublic schools;
4. to increase the per-pupil funding amounts in accordance with the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures for auxiliary services aid for compensatory education (Chapter 192) and for handicapped aid for examination/classification, home instruction, supplemental instruction and speech services (Chapter 193), and to extend Chapter 193 services to Pre-K students in nonpublic schools;
5. to maintain safeguards for nonpublic school children in the pending reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA);
6. to provide safe, effective and efficient transportation services for all eligible nonpublic school students;
7. to maintain current programs in the structure of No Child Left Behind (NCLB);and
8. to strive to achieve parity in state funding for health and safety programs for nonpublic school students.