

*New York State Catholic Conference
Catholic Advocacy Network
Membership Drive
Weekend of March 13-14, 2010
Bulletin Announcements*

Advance Bulletin Announcement

A New Way to Make Your Voice Heard

Do you want to be a more effective player in the public arena?
The Bishops of New York State have established a way for us to do so—

The Catholic Advocacy Network.

The Network uses the convenience of email to let you lobby your legislators from your own home, with just a few clicks of the computer mouse. There is no cost. Rev. Terry LaValley, Diocesan Administrator, is asking every parish in the Diocese to participate in a “Sign-up Weekend” for the Network. Next weekend, March 20 and 21, 2010, we invite all Catholics to join this exciting advocacy network. Make your voices heard in Albany.

*If you want to join the Network sooner you can go directly to the New York State Catholic Conference website: www.nyscatholic.org and click on **Join the Network**. **Over 1,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg are already participating in this exciting and effective way to lobby for public policies that respect the sanctity or human life at all stages, promote the well-being of the family and work for the common good.***

**For more information please call
Catholic Charities (315) 393-2255**

Sign-Up Weekend Bulletin/Pulpit Announcement

It's Time to Make Your Voice Heard

Do you want to be a more effective player in the public arena? Then join the statewide electronic Catholic Advocacy Network. Use the convenience of e-mail to contact your legislators from your own home, with just the click of the computer mouse. Rev. Terry LaValley, Diocesan Administrator, has asked every parish in the Diocese to participate in a “Sign-Up Weekend for the Network this weekend. It is quick and easy to join. Visit the New York State Catholic Conference website: www.nyscatholic.org. You can join by simply clicking on **Join the Network**.

This is a convenient and efficient way for Catholics to influence our laws by using the democratic process. Please join the Network today.

Over 1,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Ogdensburg already belong to this important Catholic Advocacy Network.

Remember, You can join the Network by visiting the NYS Catholic Conference website: www.nyscatholic.org

For more information please call

“... With Liberty and Justice for All

Stand with your Church!

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network

Join with thousands of others to work for justice in our society and promote the values important to our faith. Together, we can speak out in support of the poor and vulnerable, the sick and elderly, the unborn, families and children.

With the Catholic Advocacy Network of the New York State Catholic Conference, you can get up-to-date alerts on issues in Albany and the ability to quickly contact your elected officials to let them know what you think.

Go to www.nyscatholic.org and sign up today or mail in the coupon below. There is no cost. The NYS Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in the Empire State.

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Yes, I want to join the Catholic Advocacy Network and make my voice heard on critical issues in Albany and Washington. I understand there is no financial obligation to membership.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City.State/Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Parish/Diocese: _____

Areas of interest: Select as many as you like: Family Life/Respect Life Health Care
 Human services/Social Justice Education Criminal Justice

Join us immediately at: www.nyscatholic.org

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Talking Points

1. The Catholic Advocacy Network is a grassroots network of concerned Catholics who want to make a difference in the political arena. The Network sends email alerts on breaking legislative developments, offers pre-written messages to your elected representatives, and enables you to send the messages with just a few clicks of your computer mouse. You can let your voices be heard from the comfort of your own home and it literally takes only a minute.
2. Does Advocacy work? You bet it does. The Catholic Advocacy Network has helped to secure state aid for private, religious and independent schools, assisted in defeating the death penalty, and helped prevent serious cutbacks to programs serving the poor. The Network has sent over 75,000 messages to legislators in this year alone, and legislators have responded.
3. The potential of this Network is enormous: there are 7.5 million Catholics in New York State! In numbers there is strength. At this point the Network has over 50,000 members. With even more members, our ability to affect the laws of our state will only grow.
4. There is no cost to join the Network and the NYS Catholic Conference will not offer or sell your name to any other lists.
5. It requires very little commitment of time, and offers free benefits to you and to the common good of our society.
6. Even if you are not connected to the Internet, you should sign up for the Network today. You will receive a free monthly newsletter, "Capital Compass", and an invitation to attend the annual lobby day in March for Catholics at the State Capital in Albany.
7. Together, Catholics CAN be a powerful voice in the halls of state government. Together, we CAN build the City of God. Together, we can make a difference.