

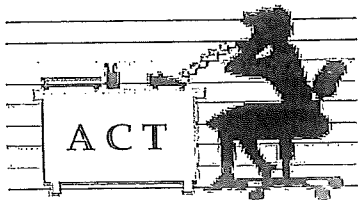
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From the
President's Desk

NEGOTIATIONS AT CRUCIAL STAGE

I have just returned home from the August 10th negotiating session and post-negotiations meeting with the ACT Team. We meet again with the System from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Friday, August 12th. We will be meeting on August 16, 22, 23 and 30. September 1st through the 5th have also been set aside if they are needed.

Both Teams continue to assess each other's proposals as we work our way through the contract for the third time.

These next few weeks, as you know, are crucial to settling the issues that remain on the table. We are still hopeful that we can bring an agreement to the membership on September 6th.

The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on September 6, 2011 at Penns Landing Caterers.

The ACT Negotiating Team thanks all of you for your continuing support. Please check the ACT Website for additional updates. Please keep both Teams in your prayers.

GOOD LUCK AND GODSPEED, CARDINAL RIGALI

On September 8, 2011, we will be saying farewell to Cardinal Justin Rigali. For the eight years he has served as our Shepherd, Cardinal Rigali has, indeed, made himself known to his high school teachers.

During his time as Archbishop, Cardinal Rigali has had to make some critical educational decisions. The building of Pope John Paul II High School was a high point, but, as we all know, the closing of both Cardinal Dougherty and North Catholic was extremely painful.

On behalf of the members of the Association of Catholic Teachers, I wish to thank Cardinal Rigali for his commitment to our schools. He is to be applauded for his visibility in our schools and, especially, for establishing the Mass at the Cathedral specifically for his high school teachers. This made them feel valued.

It is our hope that the Cardinal's commitment to and support of Catholic education in the Archdiocese will be continued under the new Archbishop.

We wish Cardinal Justin Rigali good health and much happiness in his retirement.



ACT MEMBER SERVICE PROGRAM

The following tickets are available to purchase from the ACT Office.

Franklin Institute Tickets	-----	\$13.00
AMC Movie Tickets	-----	\$ 6.00
Regal/United Artists	-----	\$ 6.50
National Constitution Center	-----	\$ 9.00
Philadelphia Zoo	-----	\$13.00
Morey's Piers, Wildwood		
Combo Waterpark/Amusement Park Tickets	-----	\$43.00
Waterpark only tickets	-----	\$27.00

To request tickets, send a check made payable to the Association of Catholic Teachers with a note indicating what tickets are being ordered and in what quantity.

Pay Check Information

Those teachers on 12-month distribution will receive their last pay check for the 2010-2011 school year on Friday, September 2, 2011.

In accordance with Article XII, Section 6 of the Labor-Management Agreement, salaries for the 2011-2012 school year "will be paid every other Friday starting the second Friday after the start of school."

Teachers in the News

In June, the first ever *Maureen Eberle Theology Scholarship* was awarded to two students at Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School. Maureen Eberle taught Theology at Monsignor Bonner for 25 years, before her death in 2007. The scholarship was established by Maureen's sister, Eileen DeStefano, the Theology department head at Bonner-Prendergast.

An article and a picture of the winners appeared in a recent issue of *The Catholic Standard & Times*.

Congratulations to Nora Kasper, Science teacher at Father Judge, who, along with her students, received the Environmental Community Service Award this Spring. The award is sponsored by Wawa, NBC 10 and the environmental law firm of Manko, Gold, Katcher and Fox, LLP. Nora's students built a wind turbine which produces 500 watts of power and now illuminates the Memorial that honors graduates who lost their lives in service to others. Thank you, Nora for all your hard work!

Congratulations to Tom O'Leary, Theology teacher at Archbishop Ryan, who, on April 10th, ran 40 miles alone through Northeast Philadelphia in an effort to raise funds for Ryan's tuition assistance program. Tom ran past the churches and schools of 25 parishes whose students attend Archbishop Ryan.

An article about his "ultramathon" and Tom's picture appeared in the April 21, 2011 edition of *The Catholic Standard & Times*.

Way to go, Tom!

Felicia Rzeznik, a teacher at Pope John Paul II, and her husband, Jozef, were highlighted in the May 5, 2011 edition of *The Catholic Standard and Times*. Felicia and Jozef were interviewed about the beatification of Pope John Paul II, since they had been living in Warsaw, Poland when Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow was elected Pope.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

10:00 A. M.

**PENNS LANDING CATERERS
1301 S. COLUMBUS BOULEVARD**

AGENDA

THE CONTRACT

ADMINISTRATIVE OPENINGS

**The following openings are to be posted on
Friday, August 12, 2011 through Monday, August 29, 2011.**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT SERVICES AT LANSDALE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

All interested and qualified faculty members are invited to apply.
Candidates should possess the following:

- 1, A minimum of five (5) years of teaching and/or administrative experience in the Secondary School System.
2. A Master's Degree or enrollment in a Master's Degree program with a minimum of six (6) credits earned in the Master's Degree program at the time of application.

The Office of Catholic Education may waive qualifications relating to experience and Master's Degree if such a waiver is warranted by other considerations.

Applications for the positions shall be reviewed by the Office of Catholic Education. Interviews will be granted to those who pass the initial screening of applicants.

Applications should include a full resume, a letter of recommendation from your principal and an updated letter of recommendation from your pastor.

**All applications are to be forwarded to Mrs. Theresa Ryan-Szott,
Director of Secondary Personnel, Office of Catholic Education,
222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 on or before
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD OPENINGS

**The following openings are to be posted on
Friday, August 12, 2011 to Friday, August 26, 2011.**

Conwell-Egan Catholic High School – World Languages

All interested and qualified teachers may apply.

1. The teacher must have at least five (5) years teaching; three (3) years must be on the secondary level in the subject area.
2. The teacher must have a Master's Degree in the subject area or a Master's Degree in Education with a major concentration in the subject area or the teacher must be enrolled in one of the foregoing Master's Programs with at least six (6) graduate credits at the time of application with the requirement that at least six (6) additional graduate credits toward the Master's Degree will be obtained each year.

All applications must be received on or before Friday, August 26, 2011.

Applicants should write to Mrs. Theresa Ryan-Szott, Director of Secondary Personnel, Office of Catholic Education, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 giving a brief resume of their educational background. The department head shall be selected within twenty (20) days after the closing date of the submission of applications.

*****DEPARTMENT HEAD GUIDELINES ARTICLE VI, SECTION b –
any teacher interested in the position of “Acting Department Head”, even though he or she is not qualified under the above-mentioned qualifications and requirements for Department Heads, should indicate his or her interest in the position at the time of the original posting of the opening.**

COACHING OPENINGS

**The following openings are to be posted on
Friday, August 12, 2011 to Wednesday, August 31, 2011.**

St. Hubert High School: Golf Coach

All interested teachers and other persons may apply and shall be given every consideration in the filling of this position. **All applications must be received on or before Wednesday, August 31, 2011.** All applicants should apply to Mrs. Regina Craig, Principal, St. Hubert Catholic High School, 7320 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136.