

HEAD OF THE CLASS SCHOOLHOUSE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL JOB DESCRIPTION

The Catholic Church & School Community in Maryland want you. Be Head of the Class and help keep Catholic schools affordable. The Maryland Catholic Conference is initiating a statewide advocacy program, Head of the Class – Schoolhouse Leadership Council. It is time for Catholic school families and supporters to insist that legislators recognize the pivotal role that Catholic schools and their students play in our neighborhoods and throughout our state. Our schools make a great contribution to the state, and our students deserve their support!

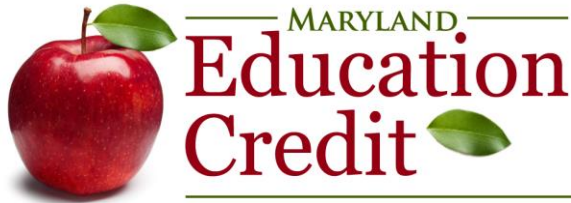
Consider this fact:

In this last 5-year span, there are 9,427 fewer students in Maryland Catholic schools. The additional cost to Maryland's public schools has been over \$133 million per year. On the flip side, the total savings to Maryland taxpayers provided by Maryland's Catholic schools is over \$712 million per year.

Join the Schoolhouse Leadership Council and represent your Catholic school. Help educate and engage your school community in advocacy efforts this fall and throughout next year. Work on advancing legislative proposals that benefit students who attend Catholic and other nonpublic schools in the state, and their families and teachers. You are the link.

Responsibilities of the school representatives include:

- Distributing information provided by the Conference to your school community.
- Registering families and other interested parties to sign up and participate in the Maryland Catholic Conference online Catholic Advocacy Network at www.mdcathcon.org. Participation enables automatic communication with elected officials regarding legislation of importance to Catholic schools.
- Inviting legislators for school tours/visits.
- Attending a regional training session in fall 2013 (dates to be announced soon).
- Organizing school participation in and assisting with regional school open house forums for legislators.
- Briefing SAB, HSA and other school groups on the importance of legislative advocacy.
- Recruiting school participants for advocacy events during the 2014 legislative session.



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CONTACT FORM

School: _____ City: _____

President/Principal: _____

School Representative Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Background on School Representative (*information of interest; experience; connections*)
(*optional*):

Please return to the Maryland Catholic Conference by June 15, 2013:

By fax:
410-269-1790

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Send information above to
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Questions?

Contact Mary Ellen Russell or Kathy Dempsey at the Maryland Catholic Conference at 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979. Thank you for your assistance!