

Right to Work Laws Going National?

Right to work laws already exist in more than half the states in the country, where unions are weak or nonexistent, wages are correspondingly low, and workers are correspondingly disposable. In theory, these laws are about guaranteeing workers' freedom of association. In practice, they're about keeping workers from forming unions, by making unions financially unsustainable.

The first lie told by right to work proponents is that such laws put an end to "compulsory union membership". It's flat-out false; there is no such thing, and hasn't been since 1947, when the *Taft Hartley Act* made the closed shop – a type of contract where union membership was a condition of employment – illegal. Nowhere in the US, whether you're in a right to work state or not, can you be forced to be a member of a union, or fired for refusing to join one. A non union member would pay a non-tax deductible agency fee.

The second lie is that such laws protect workers from having their dues money go to political causes they don't support. ***The LFA does not and has never made any political contributions in its 54 year history.*** All LFA union members have an invitation to examine how union dues are spent. (Please review last month's LFA Newsletter.)

In next month's LFA Newsletter we will examine the potential issues which will include what your rights are as an at-will employee. Remember, at-will employees have no contract, and with it job security has been eliminated!

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The President's Message.....

*Negotiations are well underway to update the wording of the Bishop Kearney Contract and the Handbook. A Ratification Meeting will be scheduled soon.

*The faculty at the Child Legacy School is still reviewing the Memorandum of Agreement and the Updated Handbook. A Ratification Meeting will also be scheduled soon.

*As per our Constitution, nominations for Delegates and Alternate Delegates will take place in the next few months. Please nominate and vote for individuals that will support the Union and all of its endeavors. This is not a popularity contest! Individuals with a **true** ambition to safeguard and support your rights as our Union members at your schools should be nominated. Vote wisely...

"Heaven never helps the man who will not act." *Sophocles*

Ciro Quattrocchi

An Interesting Learning Experience at Bishop Kearney HS

This semester, the senior government and law class studied criminology. The students took an extensive look into different types of crime by studying actual cases and participating in mock trials. They learned how to match ballistics and take their own fingerprints using the utmost care and dexterity. Testing their criminal investigative skills, they matched anonymous fingerprint samples from faculty and fellow classmates. Ms. Rogers commented, "The greatest thing about Kearney girls is that they are always interested in learning more than what is in the lesson plan.



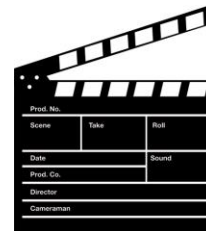
At **Archbishop Molloy**, the Stanner Games is a full-day affair, with the first events beginning at 9am and the last wrapping up before 7pm. It takes astute coordination and organization to pull it all off, and

that's where the coaches and over 65 alumni, faculty, and parent volunteers come in. Without their commitment and assistance, Stanner Games would not have the professional reputation it has established over many years. "This is the most athlete and coach-friendly meet in the country, that happens with a tremendous alumni and friends," according to Coach AJ Power '84, one of the key organizers of the event.

Pope Francis Names Bishop John Barres as Fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.

December 9, 2016 – Pope Francis appointed Most Reverend John O. Barres, S.T.D., J.C.L., D.D., 56, to serve as the fifth Bishop of Rockville Centre. He was serving as Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown, PA. He succeeds Bishop William Murphy, 76, who has led the Diocese of Rockville Centre since 2001.

St John the Baptist Film Festival Scheduled for April 25 at 7:00pm



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The **Xaverian High School** Cheerleaders, have competed for the first time ever at the CHSAA Regional Cheerleading competition at the College of Staten Island. As you may know Xaverian High School recently became a co-ed school.