



“Catholics in the Public Square: Faith in Action”

Director of Minnesota Catholic Conference
to address Saint Agnes students

Bandas Gymnasium
Friday, January 27th
1:30 p.m.

Jason Adkins, Executive Director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference, will address Saint Agnes Junior High and High School students on Catholics’ roles and responsibilities in public policy debates. Adkins, who earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota, represents the bishops of Minnesota at the State Legislature. After law school, Adkins clerked for state and federal appellate judges. He did his undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of St. Thomas, and has also worked as a teacher and journalist. Most Rev. John C. Nienstedt, Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis said, “My brother bishops and I believe that the combination of Jason’s theological training, knowledge of public policy, and legal experience will serve us well as he advocates on behalf of the Church and for the common good of all Minnesotans.”

Mr. Adkins will discuss:

- a) The Church’s responsibility to speak about public affairs (a religious obligation to promote the common good);
- b) The respective responsibilities of both bishops and laity in forming public policy;
- c) The basic moral framework of faithful citizenship.

About the MCC:

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) coordinates the Catholic Church’s non-partisan lobbying and public policy activities on behalf of the bishops of Minnesota. Drawing from the Gospel, Catholic Church teaching and the principles of faith and reason, MCC: analyzes the moral dimension of public policies; proclaims the sanctity of life and the human person; and, leads decision makers in reaching just public policy solutions. MCC advocacy issues include economic welfare, human trafficking, immigration, and marriage, family and bio-ethics. On the grassroots level, MCC’s MN Catholic Advocacy Network (MNCAN) provides opportunities for Minnesota Catholics to carry out their responsibility to participate in political life. For more information or to join MNCAN, visit mncc.org. Follow MCC on Facebook and Twitter.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this informative address!