

# CATHOLIC RIGHTS QUESTIONED

Recently, the *New York Daily News* conducted a poll on its website asking readers whether St. Anthony's High School on Long Island had the right to bar a female student from bringing her ex-girlfriend to the prom.

Readers were asked the following: "Should the Catholic school have the right to bar same-sex couples at the prom?" The *Daily News*' answers were: 1) Yes, it's a private institution and homosexuality goes against church teachings; 2) No, we're talking about a prom, not marriage, the school shouldn't exclude anyone; 3) I don't know.

By posing the question in terms of rights—instead of asking whether readers agree with the decision—the *Daily News* made this issue into a matter of church and state, implying that it is a rebuttal assumption on the part of St. Anthony's that it has the right to determine its own rules.

After seeing this, we decided to conduct our own poll asking: "Should the *Daily News* be allowed to hire columnist Jimmy Breslin, despite his long record of Catholic bashing?"

We asked our members to contact the *Daily News* with their answers. Hope they got our point.