

ELITE NYC PUBLIC SCHOOL DENIES CATHOLICS

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Maspeth High School is an elite public school in Queens, New York. Of the 4,000 applicants this year, only 250 seats are available. Not one went to parochial school students, even though 207 Catholic students had attended a Maspeth information session. The principal, Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir, says a “clerical error” was to blame, and pledges to fix it.

After parents complained to the Department of Education, steps were taken to ameliorate the situation; some Catholics have now been admitted.

Bob Holden is the president of the Juniper Park Civic Association in Middle Village. He would like to see an investigation of this matter. So would I. Was it just a “clerical error,” or is there more to this story?

I am writing to State Senator Joe Addabbo Jr., who has expressed interest in such a probe, to call for an investigation.

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