

# NO RESPECT FOR HOUSE RULES

Seven years ago a little boy in the Philadelphia area died of a seizure. This year his mother decided she wanted to show her gratitude to everyone at St. Anselm's who has been so nice to her; the boy would have graduated from St. Anselm's this past June. She wanted to award \$500 in savings bonds to ten deserving graduation students. The problem was that she wanted to select the students; school policy says the faculty decides all awards. She was therefore denied her request.

This is akin to a family quarrel. But our point is that no matter what side one takes, this is a question for the parishioners at St. Anselm's. It is most certainly not the business of the local newspaper (in this case, the *Northeast Times*). Reporting on the controversy is one thing, but taking an editorial position on this issue (they sided with the woman and blasted the parish) is quite another.

This is a straight case of house rules. In response to our criticism, the newspaper said it had a legal right to issue the editorial. How pitiful. That was never our point and they know it.