

## TWENTY QUESTIONS FROM THE LEAGUE OFFICE

### ABOUT HOME BASKETBALL GAMES AT YOUR SCHOOL:

We must be vigilant in all areas as we prevent problems. Please ask the following questions about your athletic events and after asking them, act to see that you're not an incident waiting to occur:

1. How vulnerable is your school to a potential problem situation at an athletic event?
2. Do we have enough adult supervision, including administrators or staff present in the following areas:
  - a. At entrances and exits?
  - b. In the lobbies or concession stand areas?
  - c. In washrooms, especially at half-time?
  - d. In the area of the student cheering section?
  - e. In the parking areas, especially after games?
  - f. Throughout the gym to pay attention to the crowd?
3. Late in the Varsity game, after you have stopped taking admission, who is responsible for those who may enter your building? Is there an adult supervising all entrances and exits **after** admissions are taken and the gate is closed?
4. After a game, are adults assigned to monitor the exit and parking areas or do we figure it over when the horn sounds and gym clears?
5. Did you know that you can refuse admission regardless of the person's desire to pay? Are adults watching for potential problems? Would a policy requiring school I.D. for admission to a game be a good idea for our school to use, as is used in other schools?
6. When was the last time I read and reviewed the memo in the Catholic League Manual: Sportsmanship and Crowd Control?
7. Why not ask J.V. parents to help during varsity games and varsity parents to come early and help during J.V. games? Are there parents there that I just have to ask? Most helpers can still watch the games.
8. Would it help if we set up a diagram of our building and the areas (inside and out) and assigned parents each game to a job?
9. Do we tolerate too much in the way of poor fan behavior and language? Do we complement good crowd activities?
10. Am I preventing problems or ignoring things that may lead to greater problems?
11. What role do the police in my community play with regard to athletic events? Do I notify them of our home games? Might they provide some security service, either throughout the games or at the end of the parking lots and streets around school, if I ask?
12. Have you considered using separate **exits** for crowds after big games (like the League does at Calihan Hall) and announcing this?
13. Who is responsible for crowd control and fan sportsmanship at my home basketball games? (i.e., Who's in Charge Here? Do I Need Help?)
14. What is the first thing that we can improve in this area?