Lobby Night is Feb. 18

Catholics throughout Maryland will have a chance to meet their lawmakers and talk about key legislative issues on Lobby Night, Feb. 18, in Annapolis. Sponsored by the Maryland Catholic Conference, the day begins with 3 p.m. issue briefings by MCC staff at St. Mary's High School, Annapolis. Participants will then be shuttled to downtown state government buildings for appointments with their senators and delegates. The day ends with a legislative reception in the Miller Senate Office Building from 6-8 p.m. for Lobby Night participants and members of the Maryland General Assembly.

Among the issues that will be discussed include state benefits for nonpublic school students and teachers, a program to help women in crisis pregnancies, immigration concerns, the death penalty, same-sex marriage and help for the poor and vulnerable.

"Nothing means more to elected officials than face-to-face time with their constituents," said Mary Schneidau, MCC communications director. "Lobby Night is an excellent way to be in contact with lawmakers, and we hope as many people as possible can attend."

To register, call 410-269-1155 or visit www.mdcathcon.org.