

# **Rallies Monday for Textbook Funding Relief**

Rallies to encourage continued Maryland General Assembly support for a textbook loan program for non-public school students are scheduled to take place on Monday, January 7, 2002 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at 14 different Catholic school locations across the Archdiocese.

The program authorizes the state to purchase non-religious textbooks for loan to children attending non-public schools. Last year, the General Assembly approved Governor Glendening's request for a second year program investment of \$5 million. In the Fiscal Year 2000 budget, a program investment of \$6 million was approved.

Students, parents, teachers, administrators and others from schools around the region will gather at the following locations.

Arthur Slade School, Glen Burnie

St. Clare School, Essex

Resurrection/St. Paul School, Ellicott City

John Paul Regional School, Baltimore

St. Joan of Arc School, Aberdeen

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Baltimore

Mount St. Joseph High School, Baltimore

St. Ursula School, Baltimore

Archbishop Curley High School, Baltimore

Cardinal Shehan School, Baltimore

St. Maria Goretti High School, Hagerstown

Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg

St. John School, Westminster

Bishop Walsh High School, Cumberland (cancelled here only due to snow)

Media are invited to attend the rallies. School locations and contact information can be found by accessing the [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org) website. Media point of contact is Ray Kempisty or Matt Lane, (410) 547-5379.