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Dear Editor:

The Northeastern Region of the Pennsylvania State Education Association supports the efforts of the Scranton Diocese Association of Catholic Teachers and their noble quest to negotiate fair and equitable contracts with the Diocese of Scranton. Fair salaries, pensions, and health care benefits are important to all workers in a modern society and the Catholic School teachers are no different from any other occupation.

A clear and positive way to resolve any conundrum is by having ongoing dialogue. However, the lack of dialogue between the Diocese of Scranton and their teachers prevents this issue from becoming resolved. There is no doubt that the dedicated and professional teachers of the Diocese deserve more opportunities to present their case for a real union and we hope the leadership of the Diocese seizes this opening to move forward in helping those that educate and care for their students.

The laws of supply and demand apply to the teaching profession just as much as other occupations. Compensation plays a major role in those market forces in maintaining and attracting quality teachers. We hope that the Diocese of Scranton will acknowledge these factors and allow a union to be established and recognized. It's time to be fair and just to the caring and deserving teachers by giving them the ability and tools to obtain fair contracts.

Sincerely,

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