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This issue of The Catholic Lawyer features the papers presented at the ninth national meeting of the Diocesan Attorneys held in May, 1973 in Washington, D.C. The paper by Rev. Charles M. Whelan S.J. entitled “Church—School Aid, Political Processes and Tax Exemptions” has not been reproduced since it is dated by the June 25, 1973 decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court on school aid.

It has long been felt by the editors that wider distribution of the information made available to diocesan attorneys would result in a greater awareness among Catholic lay attorneys of the legal problems presently facing the parishes across our nation. Reader comment on the contents of these papers will be published in a subsequent issue.

Elsewhere in this issue appears a current study by the St. Thomas More Research Institute on “Adequate Psychiatric Treatment—A Constitutional Right?” Dealing with a proposed constitutional right of involuntary committed mental patients to receive adequate medical treatment, it poses a new constitutional frontier for judicial consideration.

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