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USD ACTS FOR SCIENCE COOPERATION

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--The first general meeting of an association of science teachers of Catholic schools in the San Diego Diocese and the science departments of the University of San Diego will be held April 19.

Twelve high schools are participating in the new group, called ACTS (Association of Catholic Teachers of Science), said one of the planners, Edward B. Warren, assistant professor of physics at USD. The San Diego Diocese includes Riverside, San Bernardino and Imperial counties.

The general meeting will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the USD faculty dining room, De Sales Hall.

The organization has as its aims, Warren said, improving course alignment between the high schools and the university level, pooling resources for equipment purchases, and establishing an equipment pool and film library and an exchange program. A long range goal would be the establishment of a TV tape library, contingent on obtaining closed circuit TV for all member schools, Warren added.

The project will be funded by an assessment of member schools, based on total enrollment.

As the number of schools involved is small, and the nature of the association is comprehensive, including as it does almost all the high schools in the Diocese, ACTS provides a good format for mutual aid.

The development of integrated science curricula from the elementary level through college is one of the ideas the association will consider in the future, Warren said.

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Another possibility is the establishment of new programs in science fields by ACTS, which could obtain outside financing through combined effort, Warren added.

Members of the new organization will include high school and college teachers in biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics.

The initial planning meeting was held March 11 with representatives of a number of high schools present. The structure of ACTS will be adopted at the April 19 meeting, Warren said.

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