

Tonight:

**Four Clubs Left
In Cage Tourney**

Aquinas Institute, having survived a 69-68 hair-raiser over Auburn's Mt. Carmel last weekend, will try the giant killer's role when it faces Mooney tonight (March 15) in the diocesan high school tournament. The game is slated for 8:15 in the McQuaid Jesuit High gym.

Mooney breezed into the semifinals with a no-problem victory over DeSales of Geneva, 53-25, in the first half of the War Memorial twin bill last Friday. The Mooney quint, now 16-2 for the year, had a chance to scout Aquinas which was eking out its triumph over DeSales in the second game that night.

Mooney knocked Aquinas off twice during regular season play, but both games were tight ones, and Ed Nietopski is overcoming off any surge of overcon-

fidence on his Cardinals' part in this big one.

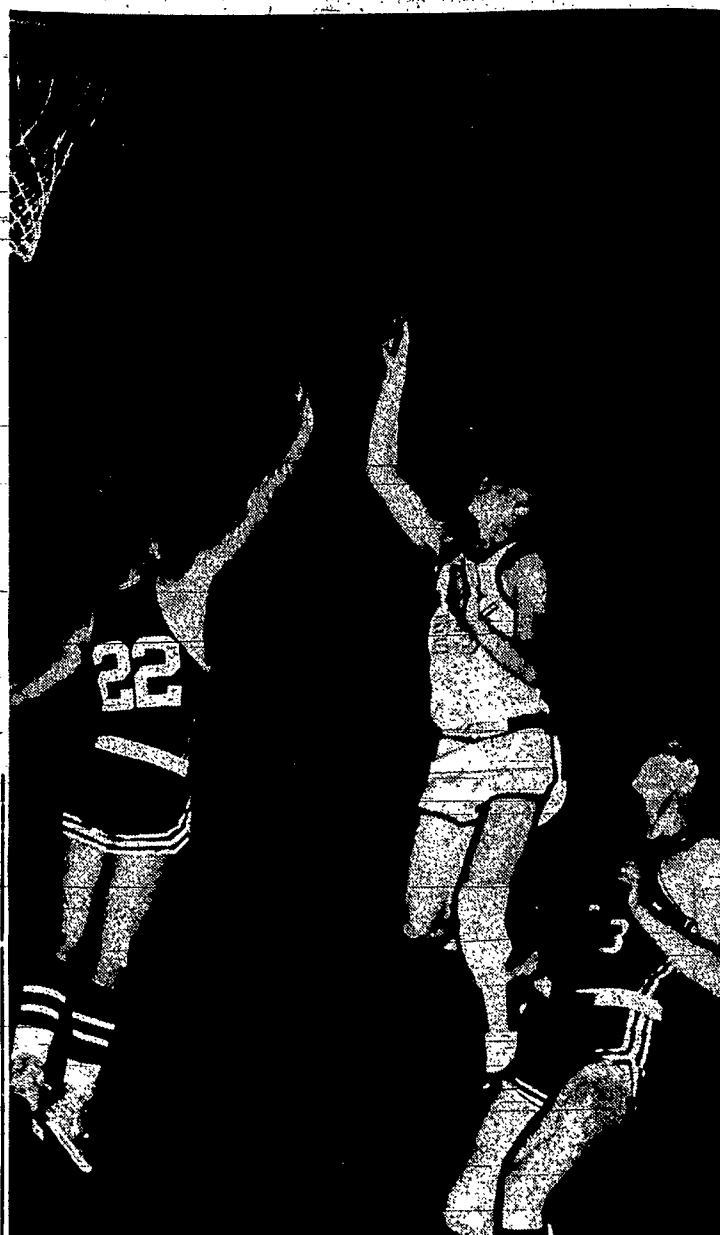
The other semi-final tilt pits St. Anthony of Padua from Watkins Glen against McQuaid, the contest set for Mooney High tonight (March 15) at 7:30.

The Padua club edged Kearney High, 55-53, at Elmira last weekend, on a sleeper layup in the last two seconds of play. The Watkins Glen men sport a strong 12-3 season's record, against McQuaid's so-so record of 11 and 8.

McQuaid won its semi-final berth in a fine comeback victory over Notre Dame of Elmira, 55-52.

Winners of the semi-finals will clash in the championship game at Rochester Institute of Technology gym on Sunday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Diocesan Sports



UP AND AWAY. Chris Hoerger of De Sales pushes off a shot over the attempted block of Aquinas' Dan Hogan in a diocesan tournament game last week. Aquinas nipped De Sales 69-68.

**Bowling Fisher Quint
Nips Siena**

St. John Fisher College basketball team finished its season on a high note with a 63-60 home win over Hobart College March 6. The victory was number 10 for Coach Bobby Wanzor's squad, who earned a 500 average for the season.

The Cardinals started slowly against the Statesmen but edged to a 28-25 lead at halftime behind the shooting of Tim Finegan and Billy O'Rourke. Clever ball handling by this pair and Dick Hessinger allowed Fisher to control the game, as did a two-on-one defensive maneuver that kept Hobart center Rick Bond effectively bottled up.

Fisher increased its lead in the second period, only to see it whittled away with five minutes left. The lead saw-sawed for the next few minutes, but at the gun it was 61-60 for the Cardinals as Captain Jim Charles drew a deliberate foul. He finished his career by dropping two free throws for a game total of nine points.

CYO Cage Tourney Ends

The smaller cities of the diocese clobbered their Rochester cousins in the windup of the CYO basketball tournament last weekend, winning honors in all four divisions.

St. Patrick's of Corning won the high school division trophy, defeating Holy Rosary 57-46. Consolation trophy went to St. Mary's of Elmira, which downed St. Michael's of Newark, 65-37.

In the grammar school competition, St. Mary's of Waterloo coasted to the White division crown over St. Francis of Auburn, 59-42. St. Patrick's of Seneca Falls won consolation

honors, tripping Holy Rosary, 47-35.

St. Vincent's of Corning captured the Green division banner, edging SS. Peter and Paul of Auburn, 37-36. Consolation title went to St. Patrick's of Elmira in a 40-39 squeaker over East Rochester's St. Jerome's.

Cananadigua's St. Mary's grammar school quint took the Scarlet division trophy, outlasting St. Bridget's, 37-34.

More than 1,100 boys took part in the CYO basketball leagues throughout the diocese during the winter season.

Youth



St. Pius X Cheerleaders practice for the Annual Diocesan Tournament to be held at the C.Y.O. Sat., March 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A Cheerleader Rally will conclude with trophy presentation to the winners.

Catholic Students Sweep Debate Meet

Catholic high school students swept the regional qualifying rounds of the National Forensic League held last weekend at St. John Fisher College. The top squads qualified to attend the New York State finals to be held in Albany on March 22-23.

On varsity level debating, an Aquinas squad composed of James Georger, James Doyle, Gerard Aman and Edward Wurtz captured first place, with a 5-1 record. Second place was won by McQuaid Jesuit High School.

In the junior varsity division, another Aquinas squad won first place with a perfect 9-0 record. Members were Kelly Curran, William Wesley, David Letta and Daniel Tasciotti. Bishop Kearney High placed second.

First place in the novice division also was won by Aquinas students: Nicholas Reisinger, Brian Curran, Anthony Colantoni and George Blaskowski.

In original oratory, Michael Cavagrotti of Aquinas was first. Charles Caruana, also of Aquinas, was second and Nancy Ross of Bishop Kearney was third.

Andrew Hovoshevski of McQuaid took top honors in dramatic interpretation while Mary Lou Studley and Janet Hemdal of Cardinal Mooney High were second and third, respectively.

Funds Needed, Soph Supplies Nest Egg

The first Aquinas man to respond concretely to news of his school's recently publicized financial plight (Courier-Journal, March 8 issue) was a 15-year-old sophomore, Larry Ansini.

Young Ansini scrubs floors after school to earn his tuition money at the Dewey Avenue school. When he read that his school might face closing within two years if its money problems were not alleviated, he dipped into his savings, sent Aquinas principal Father Leon Hart a \$25 donation.

In a neatly typewritten note, Larry said: "I want to continue my fine education at Aquinas. I know that many students and parents feel this way and will in the course of time come to your aid. Since 1922 the Aquinas spirit has been influencing many people. It would be a shame if this tradition would cease."

Larry's donation was the first received by Father Hart in response to his appeal. Father Hart said: "It is fitting that the initial response came from one of our present students."

Like many other teen-agers, Laurence Ansini is planning for the future. He hopes his Aquinas education will enable him to win a scholarship to college. And in the meantime? Apparently more homework and more floors-to-scrub.

**After Serious Sin,
Confession First
Before Communion**

Mexico City—(NC)—Mexico's bishops, apparently reacting to an experiment conducted in the diocese of Cuernavaca, have distributed a circular letter to every priest in the nation expressly forbidding distribution of the Eucharist to those in mortal sin.

Emphasizing that such people can receive Communion only after being absolved by a sacramental confession, the bishops point to the teaching of the Council of Trent affirming the necessity of penance to forgive mortal sin.

Although the letter speaks in general terms, observers here believe it is addressed to a situation in Cuernavaca, where Bishop Sergio Mendez Arceo has authorized the faithful to receive Communion after making a perfect Act of Contrition "in certain circumstances."

Traditional theology teaches that a perfect Act-of-Contrition is sufficient to absolve one from sin only in emergencies, when there is no opportunity to go to confession.

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**Deadline For
HNS Pin Meet**

Final entry deadline for the 33rd annual Holy Name five-man handicap bowling tournament is tomorrow, Saturday, March 16, midnight.

Entry blanks, available at all bowling halls, must be in the hands of Fred Enders, P.O. Box 1955, Rochester, N.Y. 14603, phone area code 716-467-3327, by midnight March 16. The \$22.50 fee must accompany each blank.

Band to March

The marching band, color guard and majorettes of Bishop Kearney High School will take part in New York's St. Patrick's Day parade.

The 114-member unit will march in the first battalion as guests of the fire department.

**'New' KC Hailed
For Social Concern**

Northford, Conn.—(NC)—Auxiliary Bishop Joseph F. Donnelly of Hartford, Conn., lauded the "new Knights-of-Columbus" for their concern with the nation's social problems at a retirement dinner here for members of the organization's headquarters staff.

Bishop Donnelly said "everywhere I go, I tell people of the new Knights of Columbus we have today—a strong, vibrant society which is aware of the social problems faced by our nation and our communities, and which is girding itself to work for solutions to these problems."

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