

The Problems of Catholic Education

By MSGR. WM. ROCHE

This is the second of two articles generally titled "Priorities and Support: A Diocesan Educational Problem."

Last week Msgr. Roche, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, discussing the responsibility of the family, the Church and the State to increase their financial support of Catholic education called for "a major reassessment of the commitment to education by the Church."

Although Catholic education has title to support from the family, the Church and the State, this is by no means evident to the general public.

Not all priests are convinced of the logic of this position; not all parents are aware of these values and

the interaction among various groups; the citizenry is not yet ready to give adequate support to Catholic education that is commensurate with its contribution to the public good.

As a result, the future of Catholic education is in question, even though its need is evident. Until such time as Catholic education is at least partially supported by public funds, means must be developed for its more adequate private support.

The problem cannot be dismissed easily with the assumption that everything has been done that can be done to generate sufficient private support for Catholic schools. There is strong reason to believe that there are additional private funds which could be

made available to Catholic education if those controlling these funds were aware of the need of Catholic education.

How extensive this support might be no one knows. But it is certainly reasonable to make an attempt to find out, rather than lose the benefits of Catholic education through default.

Before they are forced into a choice which has little meaning for them, the parents of Catholic children have the right to know the issues involved in the continuance of Catholic schools. It is clearly the responsibility of the diocese to provide this information for them, and to learn from them in detail the limits of their potential to carry this burden.

Since most of the students in our Catholic secondary schools come from our Catholic elementary schools, the problems of the support of the secondary schools cannot be divorced from the problems of the support of our elementary schools. There is no point in attempting to answer the problems of elementary education without relating them to the problems of secondary education.

Thus, the investigation of the future nature and extent of Catholic education must be a joint venture of the diocese, responsible religious superiors, and parents. No unilateral decisions from any individual or group can be called beneficial to the whole.

Rather than let the nega-

tivists carry the day, we must determine the future role of the religious communities, the needs and desires of parents, and the needs of the Church to select, from the several alternatives, a viable form for the Catholic education of the future.

Catholics have a civic responsibility to make the community-at-large aware of the huge public investment that will be necessary should the Catholic schools be forced to close. They must assemble all of the facts which will enable parents, religious communities, and the general public to make an intelligent decision.

In this day of critical problems, imaginative efforts must be made to solve them.

An inflexible adherence to patterns which served adequately the needs of another time can only lead to disaster. This in no way suggests that the development of Catholic educational facilities has been either inefficiently handled or forced into the present situation. The condition of Catholic education today is an inevitable difficulty which faces any private effort which seeks to become an instrument for the transformation of society.

Furthermore, Catholic schools are in fact not private schools. They are there for the good of the Catholic community, as well as for the good of the entire community including our public schools. They are, then, worthy of the effort of the general public.

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Sports

CYO Schedules Title Games

Championship games in the CYO Monroe County Basketball League are scheduled on Wednesday and Friday nights, Feb. 26 and 28, at Columbus Civic Center.

The champion team in the high school section will be decided Feb. 26 at 8 p.m.

Playoff games to decide finalists in both the high school and grammar school sections of the league are slated the same night at 8:30 p.m.

The grammar school section tournament championship game will be part of a double-header attraction on Friday, Feb. 28. The grammar game is scheduled at 7 p.m., to be followed by a battle between varsity school squads from Kings Preparatory School and Wheatland Chilli High School at 8:30 p.m.

Teams which were in the running this week for possible championship action included:

High School Section—Blessed Sacrament, St. Louis, St. John's (Greene), St. Charles, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, Christ the King, St. Bridget's.

Grammar School Section—Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Sacred Heart, St. Monica, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Thomas More, St. Cecilia, St. Salome, St. Theodore.



Sewing class youngsters will model their productions at annual card party of St. Agnes Mothers' Club at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at the school. Pictured are (from left) "models" Stacey and Cynthia Young, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young; Mrs. Thomas R. Wahl and Mrs. Warren C. Gager, committee. Proceeds will go toward purchase of audio-visual equipment.

Mooney 5 Loses First

Cardinal Mooney High School, ranked No. 1 in the state at game time, dropped a thriller, 32-31, to East High of the City Basketball League last Saturday night at the RIT field house.

The defeat was Mooney's first in 15 games while East ran its record to 13-1 for the season. East enjoyed No. 7 ranking in the state before the game.

The losers, Pete Castle scored 15 points to be top point producer in the low-scoring game. East's Willie Grimes had 12 points and Mooney's Doug Farrell 11.

Kearney Cagers Loose Two

By TOM DOMALSKI

The Bishop Kearney basketball team dropped two hard fought games last weekend, losing to Palmyra-Macedon 56-53, and Pittsford 72-62. The two losses brought Kearney's record to 5-10.

In the Friday contest at Palmyra: Pal-Mac shooters found their range early, and began their reign over the bogan, taking a 23-22 lead at the half. Kearney came back strong in the 2nd half with a 39-37 lead at the 3rd quarter break, but then Pal-Mac struck once again seconds.

Craig Le Moynes scored 17 points for the winners. Kearney captain Den Fitzpatrick was on target for 19 points, and John Maurer scored 10.

Pittsford brought some fine shooting to the King gym last Saturday night, and Kearney matched them until the Knights pulled away in the closing minutes of the nip-and-tuck battle.

Larry Rogers led the Kings with 22 points, while Den Fitzpatrick and Rich Yaeger each added 14 points to the Kearney cause.

Kearney plays McQuaid at 8:15 tonight at the King's court.

Aquinas Nipped by Monroe

By WHIT JOHNSON

Getting help from a couple of jumping-jacks, Monroe High's basketball forces managed to emerge with a 60-56 victory over Aquinas Institute last Friday at the R.I.T. gymnasium, but it wasn't easy.

Aquinas led 16-12 after the first period and had a 29-25 advantage at the half-time. Early in the third period Eddie Page came off the bench to produce a hoop between four free throws for six of his eight point total.

Gerry Sussina paced the losers with 13 points. Bob Christie and Gerry Lasponara both chipped in ten points a piece.

The Irish now have a 5-10 record for the year but a look at the scoring reveals that six of the ten losses were by four points or less.

Tonight Aquinas hosts Cardinal Mooney at the old R.I.T. gymnasium at 8:15.

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Kearney Takes Track Win

By JOHN MCKENNA

At the first annual Rochester area indoor track championships, the Bishop Kearney indoor track team took 8 firsts in 12 events to win. The Kings scored 78½ points to runner-up McQuaid's 50.

In the 50 yard dash Jim Erbe placed first with a 5.9. In the 45 yard high hurdles Mike Born placed first in 6.5. In the 300 yard dash George Keegan placed first in 34.7.

In the 600 yard run Darrell Youngman placed first in 1:22.8. In the 1000 yard run Dan Habza placed first in 2:32.9. In the mile Jeff Eichned finished first in 10:25.2.

In the 8 lap medley the team of—Bill Wilkins, Mike Born, Joe DePasquale and Chris Maracle placed first in 4:20.6. In the 4 lap relay the team of Bob Muir, Ron Englert, Joe Kubly and George Keegan placed first in 1:48.8.

In non-scoring events, Rick Eichner won the mile in 5:01.6. Dave Eckert won the hurdles in 7.1.

Next meet, the Rochester Relay Carnival, will be 6 p.m. Friday in the University of Rochester field house.

St. Helen's Ladies

- St. Charles-Ladies
Dorothy Young 509-211; Kay Hamill 483-195; Mary Neary 424-094; Virginia Lawler 437-176; Mary Colbert 427-151; Mary Sullivan 426-180; Ann De Wolf 125-153; Kay Viles 424-094; Beverly Stein 417-177; Virginia Mueller 417-162.
- Sacred Heart Men's
Jerry Murray 593-224; Don Frank 215; Tony Mesolella 216; Will Harms 130; Dick Lechner 692-285; Bernie LeCrosse 200.
- Sacred Heart Ladies
Katie Gardiner 566-207; Arline Shaw 528-191; Paula Martone 691-174; Mary Siva 485-171; Darlene McCulloch 430-189; Carol Dean 428-170; Joan Wedow 421-169; Kay Amidon 421-171; Loretta Hauck 409-170; Ruth Spaziano 461-182.
- Catholic Men's (North Park)
Russell Breitenbach 694-238; Henry Sucheki 648-249; Maura Di Grassi 545-252; Don Vellis 426-257; Larry Lavery 639-222; Dave Mauer 621-256; Roy Lorenz 617-221; John Bloom, Sr. 612-251; Joe Polizzi 612-215; Jim Pizzi 607-225.
- Our Lady of Mercy Mixed
Mimi Donahue 568-210; Joy Covert 143-176; Melanie Cruz 432-179; Jeanne Solan 440-185; Norma Faulner 440-189; Don Wahlen 608-193; Joyce Pratt 501-192; June Carlin 485-188; Louise Kondeif 488-189; Barbara Zimmer 463-191.
- St. Helen's Ladies
Mary Gundrum 508; Betty Agostinelli 477; Pat Goodwin 472; Kay Carroll 472; Debra Kline 461; Mary Aureli 466; Midge Pech 461; Helein List 465; Marge Schaeffer
- Our Mother of Sorrows
Herb Erbe 582-214; Bill Sullivan 578-226; Ralph Spicer 560-192; Don Carrin 561-207; Floyd Wilson 517-180; Det. Wohlen 508-193; Joyce Pratt 501-192; June Carlin 485-188; Louise Kondeif 488-189; Barbara Zimmer 463-191.
- St. John's Ladies (Greene)
Betsey Van Allen 507-183; Florence Theding 488-177; Marcia Jozefowicz 462-174; Peg McFarlane 462-181; Norma Waters 466-166; Kay Frederick 480-189; Marie Knaudorf 482-182; Shirley Hardy 485-169; Bernice Breunig 424-184.
- St. Margaret Mary
Jerry Carpenter 608-198; Marie Peters 468-168; Evelyn Kalotai 435-188; Pauline Rooney 468-172; Jan Pero

DINNER - DANCE

To celebrate the reconstruction of their new church, Saint Philip Neri Parish has scheduled a dinner-dance to be held March 21, 1969, at Logan's, 1420 Scottsville Road.

The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Reservations may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Grace Colarco or Mrs. Mary Cordaro at 482-2400 or by mail from: The Dedication Committee, c/o St. Philip Neri Church, 1782 Clifford Avenue.

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The Louis A. Wehle Memorial Sports Award will be given at the dinner, scheduled at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 12.



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