

LaFica, A Busy Man

By John Doser



City-Catholic League president Marty LaFica insists he's been to more meetings in the past few months than President Nixon. LaFica, athletic director at Bishop Kearney High as well as president of the Rochester Catholic League, will give up both posts this fall.

The new C-C coaches association has approved its 1971 fall football schedule and its 1972-73 basketball slate — the latter of which interestingly puts all nine C-C schools against each other twice — for the full 18 games allowed by the state.

LaFica said many coaches favored playing each other twice next season but some thought such a drastic scheduling change would affect the various county school holiday tournaments which include a few C-C teams.

All four Catholic schools, including Aquinas, are not sure where they'll be playing their football games. "We're talking with the people at Silver Stadium," LaFica said, "and we have to iron out such things as cost of moving the left field fence out for football, repairing the turf, etc." McQuaid, of course, will play part of its schedule at home but apparently prefers to play such arch-rivals as Aquinas in a bigger park which can accommodate more people.

The C-C, according to LaFica, will pose no problem for the various Catholic summer sports camps which LaFica said was a "smoke screen" the county league used to avoid talking

seriously about mergers.

The C-C has instituted the Carter-Smith Trophy to be awarded to the overall C-C champions. The maximum number of points a school might earn would be equal to the number of championships it wins in a school year. The trophy honors Father Cyril F. Carter, retired Aquinas athletic director, and Barney Smith, retired city school district teacher-coach-consultant-scout, etc., etc.

NAME DROPS — McQuaid's Duffy Hickey named outstanding C-C swimmer. . . BK's Rick Eichner posted 4:34 anchor leg for final 1800 yards of recent indoor meet at UR. . . ex-McQuaid athletic director/basketball coach Ken Jones has his annual summer cage camp slated for Allendale School July 6-Aug. 21. . . Mooney's Ed Nietopski has a summer baseball - basketball - soccer camp lined up at Mooney. . . Missouri track coach won't let ex-BK track star Mike Kelly run until he gets his hair cut. . . Catholic runners on All-State cross country team include Kevin Hanna, BK, 3d team; Bill Fox, AQ, 3d team; and Dan Ambrose, AQ, and Rich O'Connor, BK, honorable mention.

Tom Snyder, BK's Mr. Everything football player, made honorable mention All-America for Scholastic Coach magazine. . . BK's Mike Goonan and Mooney's Dan Panaggio first team choices on Times-Union's best C-C league cagers

Kearney, ND Win in Tourney

Bishop Kearney High will face Aquinas Institute and Elmira's Notre Dame will take on DeSales of Geneva in the second round of the diocesan basketball tourney.

Kearney whipped Mooney, 68-63, Sunday behind Goonan's 22 points and Hughto's 21. The Kings-Aquinas game will be at 8:15 p.m. Saturday at Monroe Community College.

Notre Dame moved along in the tourney by defeating McQuaid, 73-60, as John Johnson scored 22 points to offset 23 by McQuaid's Gardner Odenbach. ND will face DeSales at 8 p.m. Saturday at Corning Community College.

Aquinas and DeSales drew first-round byes.

CHEERLEADERS

Teams of cheerleaders from grammar schools and high schools in the diocese will compete for CYO trophies Saturday, March 13, in the auditorium at 50 Chestnut.

The all-day contest will end with an awards ceremony and refreshments.

Paddy Hill Church Preparing for March 17

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which rooted Holy Cross Parish.

Our Mother of Sorrows Church on Paddy Hill in Greece, has scheduled a celebrated Mass March 17 at 10:45 a.m., in honor of St. Patrick. Father George Wood, Monroe County chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and pastor of the parish, will be the chief concelebrant.

Our Mother of Sorrows is the oldest church in Greece and one of the oldest in western N.Y. It began as a mission church in 1820 without a resident pastor.

In 1856 the noted Father Louis Jean Maurice took over the duties as shepherd of the flock. This wiry Frenchman added fast sticking mortar to the strong bricks of Faith in those times of hardship and struggle, bitter cold and plague.

The Church in the Woods, as it is still occasionally called, stands on the crest of Paddy Hill at the corner of Latta Rd. and Dewey Ave. Time passes and the church cast a tiny seed

In 1895 Msgr. Andrew Meehan shouldered the towering tasks of parish responsibilities. On July 4, 1896, Father Quinn began a long and fruitful pastorate which bridged the 19th and 20th centuries.

In 1929 a true son of Ireland, Father Daniel O'Rourke, whose charm and good humor brightened even the depression and two wars, arrived. During his time Mother of Sorrows built a school, convent and parish hall.

In 1961, Bishop James E. Kearney sent Father George S. Wood, to Mother of Sorrows. Two years later Mass was celebrated in a new house of God.

Mandated Services

The breakdown of the amounts of money going to parish schools and high schools under the state's Mandated Services Act is in preparation and will be printed in the Courier-Journal when finished.

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