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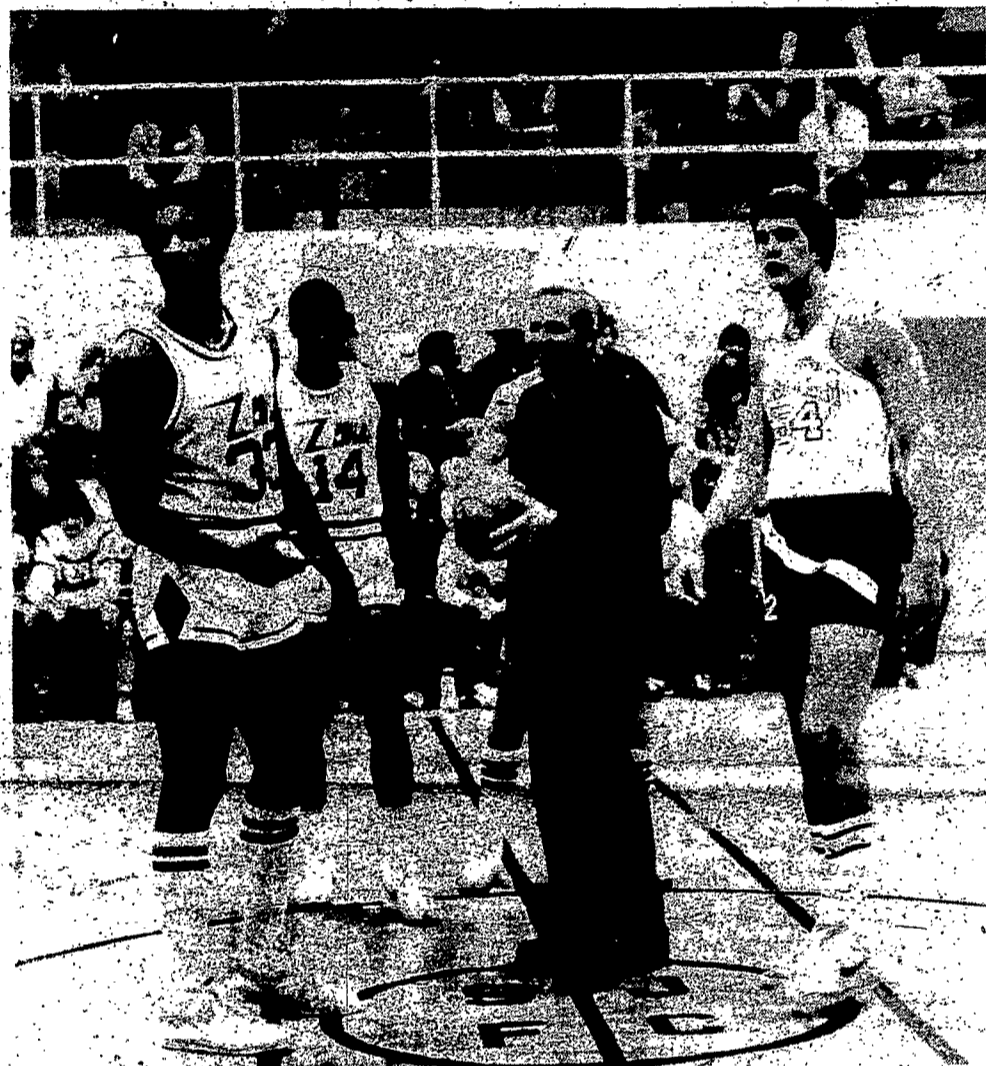
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## Special Tip-Off

Bishop Matthew H. Clark stands among "giants" Harold Jackson (33), left, of the Rochester Zeniths professional basketball team, and Paul Zaretsky (54), playing for the St. John Fisher College Old-Timers, prior to the opening tip-off Sunday night at a charity basketball game at Fisher with the proceeds going to the Frank Bice Fund. Bice, a Siena College football player, was paralyzed from an injury suffered in a game against Fisher Oct. 4. More than \$1,000 was raised for Bice with proceeds coming from the game and a carnival that followed. Right, the bishop flips the ball into the air and prepares to move to much safer territory.



## DPC Hears Plans For Diocesan TV

By Martin Toombs

Canandaigua — At its meeting Saturday, the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) heard plans for a series of television programs made possible by the National Communications Collection to be shown in the diocese.

Meeting at St. Mary's, the DPC heard Sister Roberta Tierney, who is heading the committee working on the project, describe the plans for eight one-half-hour programs which will be available to viewers throughout the diocese.

The programs, in the "PM Magazine" format, will feature national segments supplemented by segments produced in the diocese.

Working with a \$38,000 budget, she said, the committee has hired a producer for the local segments, and is collecting information concerning the availability and costs of time in the early evening or prime time on television stations which serve the diocese. The fact that Syracuse and possibly Binghamton stations will be needed to cover the diocese has caused the group to open discussions concerning cooperation with the Syracuse diocese in sponsoring the project.

The group has 54 suggestions for the local segments, she noted, including such things as the Catholic Worker movement, the divorced and separated ministry, and the permanent diaconate. She noted that the committee also wishes to have

Bishop Clark visible in the series.

Sister Roberta also responded to comments made by Virginia Marshall who had made a presentation to the DPC on the handicapped. Mrs. Marshall discussed her experience with her son, and on the Rochester City School District's Handicapped Committee. She had criticized the handling of students in Catholic schools whose cases came before the committee.

Sister Roberta pointed out that public school employees do the diagnostic work on Catholic school students, and for that reason they appear before the Handicapped Committee when the case is discussed. If the Catholic schools are unable to provide the education a child requires, he or she may benefit more by attending a public school. She also noted that the diocese is working to strengthen the religious education programs for the handicapped.

The DPC also heard a presentation by Father Robert Kennedy on the revision of the diocesan guidelines for the first reception and administration of the sacraments. He described the first draft of the various documents, noting that final drafts will be given to Bishop Clark in December. Five presentations on the completed guidelines will be made at meetings in February and March.

Bishop Clark told the DPC about the just-completed meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) in

Washington, describing several documents the group approved. The documents will provide opportunities for catechesis, he noted. Among them was the draft of a document which more fully explains the NCCB's arguments against the use of capital punishment. The document restates the Church's position that states have the right to exercise capital punishment, but states that the right should not be exercised. It was passed, he said, with the knowledge that it would not be "accepted or understood by all."

The NCCB also ratified a program for priestly formation, a statement on Marxism and Communism, and on the place of the Church in higher education. Those actions were in addition to the more highly publicized action to remove the language from the Mass which is not inclusive of all persons. The various changes, which will have to be approved by the Vatican, all received the required two-thirds or more favorable votes, he commented.

In local issues, the bishop noted that a committee is currently studying the diocesan seminaries and doing a five-year projection for them. While noting the concern over the seminaries' futures, he commented that he "would be most reluctant to sacrifice" the institutions.

He also noted that a time for a decision is close on the implementation of a diocesan appeal that could replace the parish assessments.

## Bishop Clark Hails Statement on Laity

By John Dash

Among the many issues debated and positions taken by last week's meeting of the United States Catholic Conference/ National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Matthew H. Clark especially looks forward to the "publication and dissemination of the Statement on the Laity." The document is being issued on the 15th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's

document on the same subject. Bishop Clark said last week that the new statement "reaffirms the directions given in that document," generally regarded as major affirmation of the place of the laity in the mission of the Church.

The bishops' meeting in Washington, D.C., also produced a statement on capital punishment which states: "We believe that in the conditions of contemporary American society, the

legitimate purposes of punishment do not justify the imposition of the death penalty."

"That statement contains important Catholic principles," Bishop Clark said, "and very challenging questions." He acknowledged that "obviously not everybody will agree with it," but "it's a very serious document." He hopes that it

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