

Councils

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women religious and the charism of religious life within the diocesan Church.

"When we went back to our original goals, we realized we are a powerful group" said Sister Kay Nicosia, SSJ, sisters' council president. "The clergy have the power literally, but everybody's important in the Church. We are all the people of God."

Both the priests' and sisters' councils send representatives to the DPC, which meets six times a year. Established 11 years ago by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, the DPC is the only consultative group which includes lay persons, as well as religious and clergy.

Three DPC members represent parish councils in each of the diocese's 11 regions. In each

region, a priest serves as regional coordinator, nominating DPC candidates and organizing annual elections as well as periodic regional meetings between DPC members and parish representatives.

Also appointed to the DPC are representatives of special constituencies, including the elderly, Spanish-speaking Catholics, young adults and youth.

The structure of Rochester's DPC is often cited as a model by other dioceses around the country. It is also one of the only pastoral councils with which the bishop schedules a full hour of open dialogue at every meeting.

Despite that measure of support and recognition, in recent years the DPC has generated uneven responses from its regions. Attendance at meetings has been low and some regions have been unable to find willing representatives, much less elect them.

"One of our problems has been giving peo-

ple on the DPC a sense of ownership and accomplishment," Jodoin said. "We need to develop a clearer picture of what we are and can be."

This year, he is optimistic. All of the DPC's regions have chosen representatives, and he termed attendance at the council's first meeting in September good.

"Things that in the past few years have been wearing down seem to be picking up again," he said.

Leaders of the three councils aren't looking to the Saginaw model as a cure-all for the tensions and frustrations of working as consultative groups. But they cited fewer meetings, less duplication of effort, and more timely exposure of issues to a broader segment of opinion as some possible advantages of a joint council.

"I think the Priests' Council sees it as an important step into the future — that we should

at least look at it as an alternative to our three consultative bodies," Father Murphy said. "We've worked through a lot of things in 20 years, and we'd rather not lose some of those things by going to a different model . . . but I think the Priests' Council is very open to it (the Saginaw model)."

Others say that the presentation may bode no changes at all for the consultative structure.

"We may decide that what we have is just fine," said Sister Kay. "Nobody has had any objections to the idea (of a joint council) going in . . . But I think even if joint meetings were held more frequently, the separate bodies would want to continue to meet."

"Without going to a single consultative body, one thing I might see coming out of this is a desire or need for more joint meetings, perhaps once a year," Jodoin said. "Knowing what each of three particular groups thinks would be a plus."

Little Irish

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Monti added that the game's late start — the game previous to the Arcadia-Aquinas match needed a shootout to determine the winner — also didn't help his team.

"Obviously the kids were very up for this game, and when it (the Byron-Bergen/Geneseo game) kept delaying our game, I could tell the kids just wanted to get out there and play," Monti said.

Although his players were mentally ready to face Arcadia, some appeared adversely affected by the relentless wind, which made the temperature feel more like 10 degrees than 30 degrees.

"Some of my kids were not prepared (for the cold weather)," said Monti, who stood along on the sidelines most of the game while his players sought shelter from the wind elsewhere. "Some of the kids play a lot better in warm weather. The majority (of his players) were prepared, but a couple of sophomores and juniors weren't."

Although Monti accepted inexperience from his young squad this year, he expects even bigger and better things from the 1987 Aquinas varsity squad.

"I'm hoping next year, with more experience and a tougher schedule, we may get even farther (in the playoffs)," said Monti, who will "reward" his team for its sectional title this year with an even tougher non-league schedule next year. "I'm going to pull some of the easier games (from the schedule), and schedule one

of the Pittsford teams and hopefully Gates-Chili." Both Pittsford Mendon and Pittsford Sutherland have traditionally strong soccer programs, and Gates-Chili captured the Class A crown for the second year in a row.

The accomplishments of Monti, who has compiled a 29-23-2 record for the high school on Rochester's Dewey Avenue, are quite remarkable, seeing that he inherited a doormat for opposing teams three years ago, and had molded it into a sectional champion.

And next year should prove another banner season for the Little Irish. Despite losing senior forward Gary Barsell to graduation, Monti plans to move Rod Encina to his spot. Barsell was Aquinas' leading scorer this year with 19

goals, including three in the sectionals, but Encina has also had a golden toe this year.

Encina will be aided on offense from some of Peter LaPore's junior varsity players, who just finished a successful campaign. Combine maturity on offense with the goaltending of Compisi, who recorded seven shutouts — three in the sectionals — and Monti has reason to be optimistic.

"I'm very happy with the year," said Monti, who is a section supervisor at Kodak Park. "We'll shoot for a better year next year, and try to minimize the mistakes."

Lessening mistakes should prove an easier task for Monti than stopping Mike Bianchi was.

Sacred Heart celebrates 75th with a parish dinner, dance

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish will mark its 75th anniversary with a weekend of celebration on November 22 and November 23.

The diamond jubilee dinner-dance is scheduled for Saturday, November 22, in the ballroom of the Rochester Plaza Hotel. Toastmaster Eugene Zimmer will lead the evening, which will feature entertainment by "Dynasty," and the Nazareth Academy Show Choir directed by Sister Donna Cucci.

Tickets are \$25 per person, and can be obtained by calling Joan Lowenguth at (716)254-6457, or the rectory at 254-3221.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will preside at the jubilee Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 23. A light brunch, hosted by the Sacred Heart Parish Council and the Social Life Committee, will follow the Mass.

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