

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## Diocesan teams pile up championships

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Not every Catholic high-school varsity basketball team in the diocese made this year's sectional finals.

It just seemed that way at times.

An amazing six out of 11 teams, spread among five Catholic schools, reached their respective title contests. Of those six finalists, three brought home sectional trophies March 3.

The Aquinas boys won the Section 5 Class BB championship, and the Bishop Kearney boys earned the Section 5 Class B crown. Meanwhile, the Geneva DeSales girls won the Section 5 Class D title.

Recent basketball success was also enjoyed by three teams who finished as sectional runners-up: the Elmira Notre Dame boys, in Section 4 Class C; the Aquinas girls, in Section 5 Class BB; and the Nazareth Academy girls, in Section 5 Class B.

Aquinas, in particular, enjoyed sectional success in other sports as well. Of special note was the hockey team, which captured its fourth consecutive Section 5 championship in late February. AQ also won sectional titles this winter in boys' indoor track, girls' indoor track and cheerleading.

### Aquinas 67, Victor 62

AQ, the No. 2 seed, won the school's first boys' basketball sectional, stopping No. 1 Victor in the Class BB final at Rochester's Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial.

The Little Irish overcame a 32-25 halftime deficit with strong scoring balance: Jemel Williams and Willie Sanders finished with 16 points each; Kassim Howell and Tom Jov, 11 each; and Dan Bozzelli, 10.

Aquinas (17-6) also won 66-53 over Newark in semifinal action.

AQ was slated to face Bishop Kearney in a Class B state qualifier contest March 8.

### Thoughts to Consider



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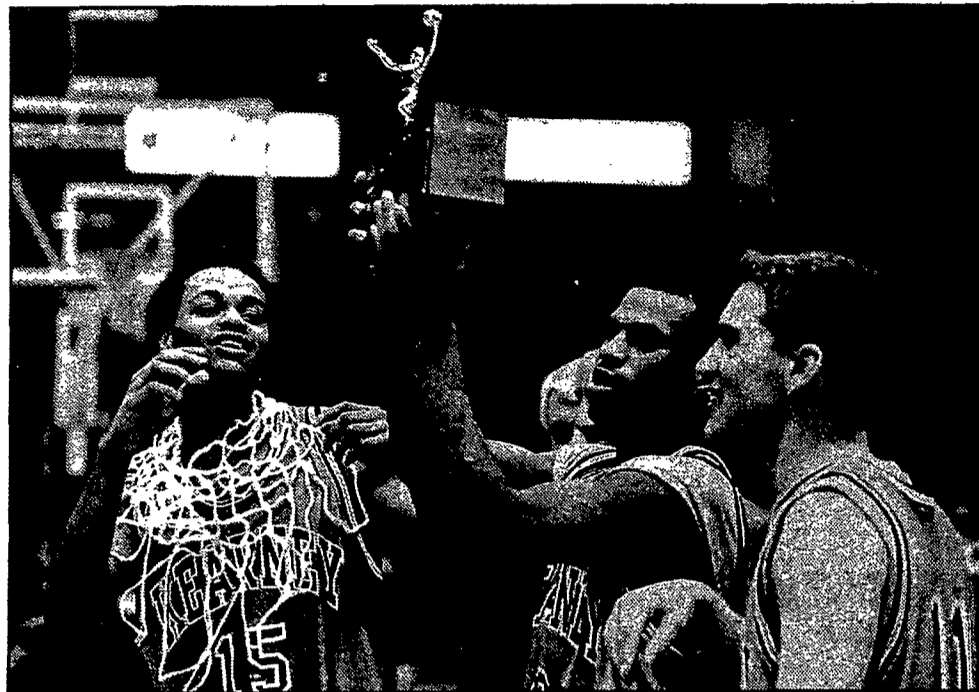
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Bishop Kearney basketball players (from left) Brandon Andrews, Marcus Young and T.J. Flint celebrate their win over Hornell in the Boys' Section V Tournament March 3 at Blue Cross Arena. The Kings beat the Red Raiders 73-54.

### Kearney 73, Hornell 54

No. 4 seed Kearney made short work of third-seeded Hornell in the Class B final at Blue Cross Arena.

BK's Brandon Andrews and Marcus Young combined for nearly as many points as the entire Hornell team, scoring 26 each.

The win marked Kearney's second straight Class B title, and its fourth in the last seven years.

The Kings (17-7) needed double overtime to edge Livonia, 60-58, in semifinal play.

### DeSales 49, Romulus 34

Fifth-seeded DeSales cruised to the Class D title with a decisive win over No. 11 Romulus in the Class D title game at Wayland-Cohocton High School.

Three Saints reached double figures: Andrea Dinieri, with 14 points; Julia Augustus, with 12; and Kathleen Porter, with 10.

The Saints (13-11) won their first sectional title since 1986. They also had a lopsided semifinal win, 57-40, over Houghton.

DeSales was scheduled to meet Elba, the Section 5 Class DD champ, in a state qualifier game on March 7.

The girls were nearly joined as finalists by the DeSales boys. The Saints (13-10) lost 54-52 to Canaseraga in a Section 5 Class D semifinal.

### Sidney 62, Notre Dame 55

Top-seeded Notre Dame came up short against No. 2 Sidney in the Class C final played March 4 at Broome County Arena.

Notre Dame rallied from a 53-41 deficit after three quarters, closing to within three points twice before Sidney pulled away. Albert White and Sam Innes led the Crusaders with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

Notre Dame (21-3) had advanced to the title game with a 64-36 win over Candor.

### HF-L 49, Aquinas 38

Honeoye Falls-Lima, the No. 2 seed, downed Aquinas, the top seed, in the Class BB final on March 6 at Blue Cross Arena.

The Little Irish faced a 28-22 halftime deficit and pulled within two, 29-27, but the Cougars reeled off nine straight points and Aquinas never recovered. Rachel Mance and Tonya Campbell tied for team high scoring honors with 10 points each.

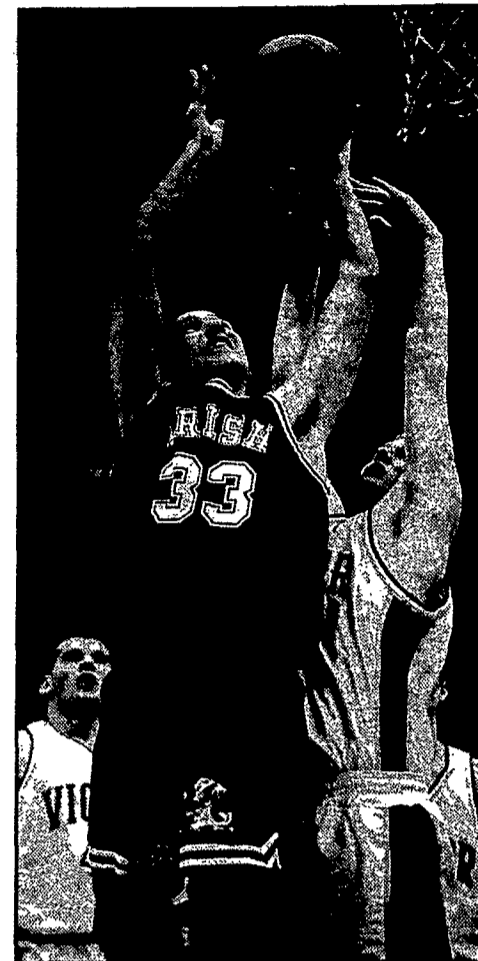
AQ (17-6) had reached the title game with a 50-41 win over No. 5 Eastridge.

### Livonia 61, Nazareth 59

Nazareth Academy's Rochelle Cherry mustered a 28-point, 12-rebound effort, but the third-seeded Lasers fell just short against top-seeded Livonia in the Class B final played March 6 at Blue Cross Arena.

Nazareth, the defending Class B champ, was victimized by the Bulldogs' outside shooting; Livonia converted 13 of 22 three-point attempts.

The Lasers (19-4) had reached the title



Aquinas' Tom Joy goes up for a basket while a Victor player tries to block his shot during the Boys' Section V Tournament at Blue Cross Arena on March 3.

game by downing Palmyra-Macedon, 52-46.

### AQ 5, Geneseo 4 (hockey)

Aquinas won the Class B crown with a 5-4 overtime triumph over Geneseo in the Feb. 27 title contest at Rochester's ESL Sports Centre. Rob Giambone scored the overtime goal.

However, the Little Irish (17-6-2) were halted in their quest for a third straight state title, losing 3-1 to Salmon River of Section 10 in a Division 2 state quarterfinal game on March 4 at ESL Sports Centre.

### Rites of election scheduled

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will preside at four liturgies celebrating the Rite of Election for 650 "elect" from 82 parishes.

For the 431 adults and 218 children, the ceremony begins the final stage of preparation before celebration of the Easter sacraments and initiation into the church. The Rite of Election liturgies are set for:

- Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. — St. Mary Our Mother Church, 816 W. Broad St., Horseheads, for Tompkins, Tioga, Steuben, Chemung and Schuyler counties.

- Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m. — Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, for northwest and southwest Monroe County. A Vietnamese translation will be offered.

- Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. — St. Stephen Church, 48 Pulteney St., Geneva, for Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Cayuga and southern Livingston counties.

- Sunday, March 19 — 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral for northeast Monroe and Wayne counties, with a Spanish translation.

A 7:30 p.m. liturgy also is scheduled at the cathedral for the southeast and north regions of Monroe County and for northern Livingston County. An interpreter for the deaf will be available.

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