

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## Three high-school squads draw closer to state titles

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The privilege of reaching the post-season comes with a cold reality: One defeat, and your year is done. But with a few more wins, three Catholic high-school teams in the diocese won't have to experience that feeling.

Playoff action last week produced a sectional football champion, as well as two soccer teams that advanced to the state semifinals. In addition, a runner won an individual state cross-country title and a swimmer earned two sectional first-place finishes.

Aquinas Institute football rolled to a 49-32 win over Victor in the Section 5 Class A final Nov. 9. The victory hiked Aquinas' record to 9-1 and vaulted the Little Irish into the state-tournament quarterfinals. AQ will play Saturday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. against Pioneer of Section 6. The game will be held at the University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium.

The shootout win over Victor saw the Little Irish fall behind 8-0 before running off 21 unanswered second-quarter points to take a 36-14 halftime lead. Calvin Hall led the Irish with three touchdown runs, and quarterback Mark Magliocco ran for a touchdown and also completed TD throws of 43 and 32 yards, both to Kevin McMahon. Arel Gordon added a 45-yard scoring run.

AQ's offensive eruption mirrored its sectional semifinal win over Batavia Nov. 3, when the Irish sprinted to a 35-0 halftime lead and won 35-6.

Our Lady of Mercy girls' soccer took one step closer to a perfect season by knocking off Grand Island, 2-0, in a battle of unbeaten Nov. 9. The state quarterfinal win sends the Monarchs (23-0) into a Class A semifinal game Nov. 16 against Monroe-Woodbury of Section 9 at Brockport High School (4 p.m. start). The championship contest is set for Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. on the same field.

Mercy's win over Grand Island saw Beth



Aquinas senior Bob Higgins cheers as a teammate receives an award following AQ's defeat of Victor in the Section 5 Class A title game Nov. 9 at the University of Rochester.

Kunkel and Aimee Lambert score just four minutes apart early in the second half. Goalie Katie Dry recorded the shutout as the Monarchs preserved their No. 1 state ranking in eliminating the Vikings, who came into the game with an identical 22-0 record.

The victory came six days after Mercy won the Section 5 Class A title, 3-1, over Churchville-Chili.

Aquinas Institute girls' soccer (12-7-1), which didn't even have a winning record when post-season play began, now looks much more like the AQ team that won last year's state crown. The Irish won 3-1 over Livonia in a state Class B qualifying game Nov. 6, then topped Williamsville East 4-1 in quarterfinal play Nov. 9. Aquinas now



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Donnie Felter of Aquinas and Peter Obourn of Victor scramble to recover a fumble with Chris Cody, also of Victor, at their heels.

heads to a semifinal match Nov. 16 against Oneonta of Section 4 at Wheatland-Chili High School (11 a.m. start). The final will be Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. at Brockport High.

Jacque Lacek led the Little Irish against Williamsville East with two goals. Katie Alardice had a goal and two assists, and Karen Achtyl also scored. In the win over Livonia, Lauren Popovich had two goals, and Carley King added the third.

The Irish had earned their way into states with a 3-1 win over Victor Nov. 3 in the Section 5 Class BB final, their sixth-consecutive sectional title.

Unfortunately, Aquinas boys' soccer will not have a chance to defend its own state title. The Little Irish saw their season end with a 3-2 loss to Livonia in a state Class B qualifying game Nov. 6. Rafael Venturini and Keith Manscuk scored goals as Aquinas posted a final record of 15-3-1.

The Little Irish had defeated Pitsford Mendon, 2-1, in the Section 5 Class BB final Nov. 2.

In individual athletic competition, Elmi-

ra Notre Dame's Molly Huddle earned the state Class D title in the championship meet held Nov. 10 at Elma Meadows Golf Course near Buffalo. Huddle posted a time of 18 minutes, 24.5 seconds — winning the race by nearly 40 seconds. She will go for another state championship Nov. 17 at the Federation meet in Wappingers Falls near Poughkeepsie.

Huddle also won the Section 4 Class D girls' title Nov. 1, setting a course record at Chenango Valley State Park.

In state boys' cross country, Aquinas' Dave Hryvniak earned an eighth-place finish in the state Class B race Nov. 10, also at Elma Meadows. Hryvniak posted a time of 16:45.2, one week after winning the Section 5 Class B meet Nov. 3.

Further individual success came from Our Lady of Mercy swimmer Betsy Ernst, who won two Section 5 Class B titles Nov. 9. She captured the 500-yard freestyle event with a time of 5 minutes, 28.24 seconds; and also placed first in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:11.02.

## Obituary

### Sister Joanna DeKleva, SSND, 93

School Sister of Notre Dame Joanna DeKleva died Oct. 23 at her order's Baltimore, Md. motherhouse, following a long illness. She was known as Sister Clementia when she taught in the Diocese of Rochester during the 1930s and '40s.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., she was born Dec. 1, 1907, and professed her first vows in 1931, and her perpetual vows in 1937 in Baltimore. She earned a bachelor's degree at Mount Mercy College in Pittsburgh, and a master's degree at Duquesne University.

Sister Joanna taught the middle grades at Holy Redeemer School, Rochester, from 1930-43.

"I know that she always said she had fond memories of her time in Rochester," said Sister Bernice Feilinger, community representative at Maria Health Care Cen-

ter in Baltimore.

Sister Joanna was a creative, artistic woman who loved decorating her elementary school classrooms, Sister Feilinger said. She added that another sister in their order who had been a student of Sister Joanna said: "Joanna taught me beauty."

Sister Joanna also taught at Catholic schools in Pittsburgh; Camden, N.J.; Washington, D.C.; and Baltimore.

A funeral Mass was celebrated for Sister Joanna on Oct. 25 at the motherhouse. Interment took place at Villa Maria Cemetery in Glen Arm, Md.

She is survived by two nieces.

Memorial donations made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, 6401 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD, 21212.

—Rob Cullivan

### Diocese donates \$113,735 to disaster-relief efforts

The Diocese of Rochester announced Nov. 12 that it has forwarded \$113,735 in disaster-relief donations for distribution to those affected by terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

The Archdiocese of New York, which is responding to a number of spiritual, financial and logistical difficulties as a result of the attacks, will receive \$77,049 collected by parishes and forwarded to the diocese for disbursement. Additional funds were collected by parishes that send monies directly to the archdiocese.

Nearly \$37,000 was collected for Catholic Charities USA Relief Fund, which has been designated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as the official vehicle for collecting disaster-re-

lief funds related to Sept. 11.

Catholic Charities and the archdiocese will distribute the funds as they deem appropriate.

"Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester recognized the need to help the people of New York and the families of the victims," Rochester Diocesan Catholic Charities Director Jack Balinsky said in a statement. "They responded in numerous ways with prayer, action and by reaching into their pockets as a way to show their support. Parishes and schools were very creative in the ways they reached out to show their concern."

"Bishop Clark and I continue to take great pride and comfort in the caring and generous spirit of the people of this diocese," Balinsky added.

## Dining Guide

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