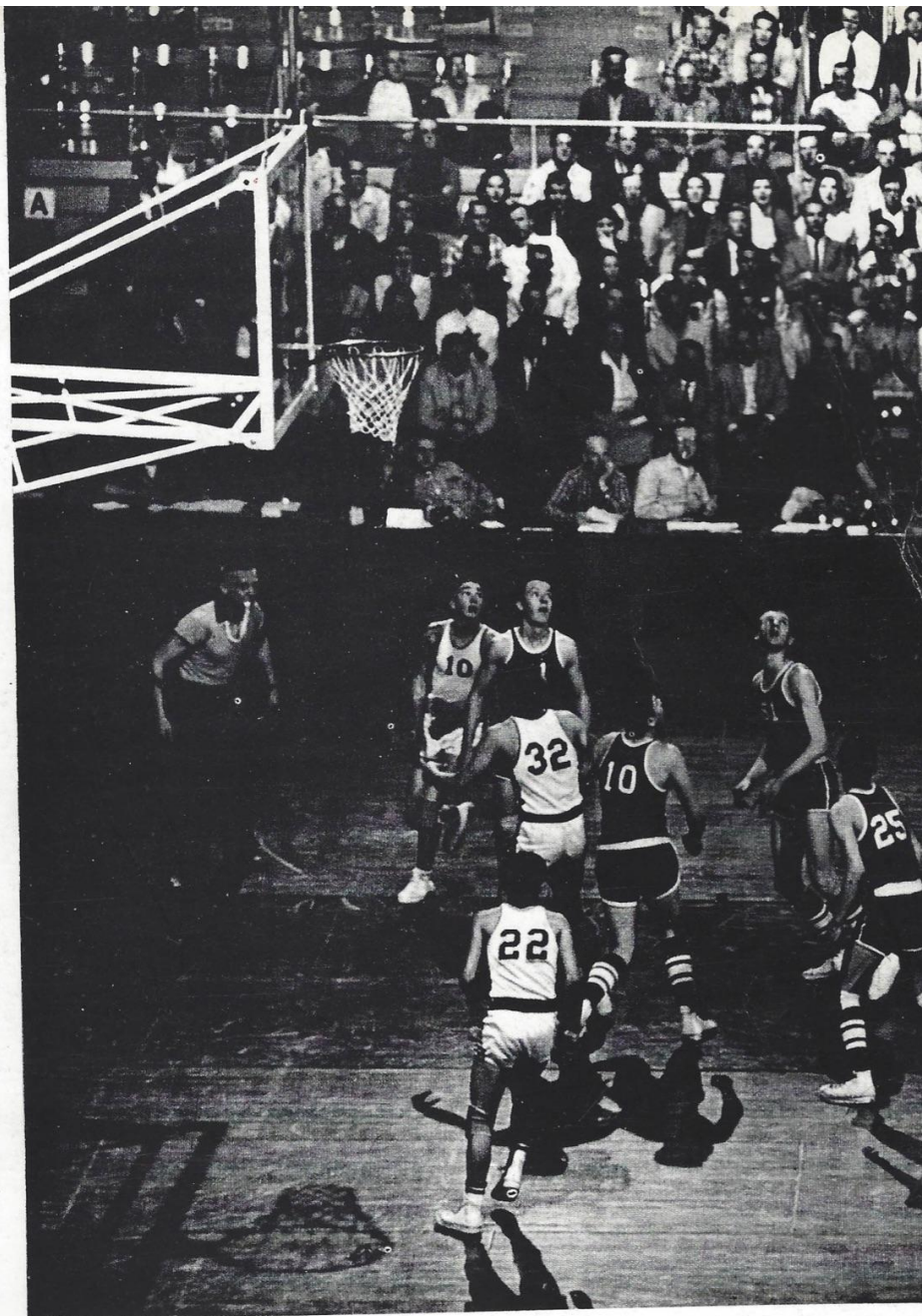


MSGR. MARTIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOC.

MANHATTAN COLLEGE CUP



1976 PLAYOFFS

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ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
February 28th and 29th

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
March 3rd and 5th

Program: 50c

Bishop Burke League

Bishop Timon	12	2	Mel Palano
St. Joe's	9	5	Richard Bihr
Niagara Catholic	9	5	Dick Condino
Bishop Turner	9	5	Paul LiSacchi
Bishop Neumann	8	6	Joe Piscopo
Canisius	5	9	Connie McGillicuddy
Cardinal O'Hara	3	11	John Scherrer
Cardinal Dougherty	1	13	Ed Dyl

Bishop Smith League

Cardinal Mindszenty	12	2	Bob Muscato
Baker-Victory	11	3	Joe Corey
St. Francis	10	4	Robert Torgalski
Archbishop Walsh	9	5	Edward McGuire
DeSales	8	6	James MacKinnon
Notre Dame	4	10	Robert Derck
St. Mary's Lancaster	2	12	Dick Wojciechoski
St. Mary's for the Deaf	0	14	Frank Podziallo

Manhattan Cup Championship

Bishop Neumann	74	Bishop Timon	64
Manhattan Cup MVP	Aaron Curry	Bishop Neumann	

Cardinal Cooke Interdiocesan Basketball Championship

Quarter Final	Newman	52	St. John University
5th Place	Newman	84	McCloskey

All Catholic Team

Burke Division

Aaron	Curry	Neumann	12
Marty	Laguerre	Turner	12

Todd	Sankes	Niagara Catholic	12
Rob	Stahrr	Bishop Timon	12
Doug	Worthington	Bishop Timon	12

Smith Division

Bruno	DiGiglio	Walsh	12
Chris	Jerebko	St. Francis	11
Tom	Krystofiak	Mindzenty	12
Steve	McDowell	Baker	12
Marc	Meyers	St. Mary's Lancaster	12
Chris	Ramsey	DeSales	12





All WNY





MANHATTAN COLLEGE CUP

Champions 1976

Bishop Neumann High School





Very Rev. Msgr. Leo E. Hammerl

Shortly after the school year ended last June, the name on the office door of the Superintendent of Diocesan Schools at 100 South Elmwood Avenue in Downtown Buffalo was removed.

That name which greeted all entrants for 14 years simply identified, Very Rev. Leo E. Hammerl.

While it was a direct identity, it told nothing of the calm clergyman who, during a 30 year career as a Catholic educator, was often called a "priestly gentleman," and in his quiet, incisive way, was always a gentleman priest.

At a testimonial dinner last October—marking the official ending of an educational career that spanned 1946-61 as an associate superintendent of diocesan schools and then superintendent from 1961-75—Bishop Head said,

“Msgr. Hammerl has done so well the job God has given him that no one else could do it better.”

The personable monsignor left the superintendent's post to devote and dedicate full time to his work as pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church in Clarence—a parish he has headed since June 6, 1970.

During his 14 years as diocesan school superintendent, Msgr. Hammerl championed the athletic as well as the academic curriculum of 14 high schools numbering 8000 students and 162 elementary schools attended by 40,000 pupils.

As an associate superintendent for 16 years, he helped the Msgr. Martin Catholic High School Athletic Association moderators develop a highly-competitive sports program. During that time, he was instrumental in the formation of schools into two different leagues — the Bishop Burke and Bishop Smith.

That major change — which still prevails today — occurred during the 1955-1956 school term. He also coordinated the parochial school traditional track meets each May, and the elementary baseball and basketball programs.

Slight of build, Msgr. Hammerl is nonetheless a well-coordinated sports participant. For years he bowled in the St. Lucy Holy Name League, carrying a 170 average. As a golfer, he carries a 13 handicap and generally is among the leaders in the annual Diocesan Clergy Golf Tournament at the Wanakah Country Club each summer.

During his years in the school department, Msgr. Hammerl served on the editorial board of the Western New York Catholic, the diocesan weekly newspaper; the Erie County Narcotics Board, the Buffalo Youth Board, the Advisory Board of Baker Hall and the Advisory Board of Trocaire College.

He also was on the board of directors of the Buffalo Council of World Affairs, Buffalo Society of Natural Science, the Buffalo Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Western Regional Office for Educational Planning, and he is serving his third year on the Priest Personnel Board.

Two years ago, Msgr. Hammerl was the recipient of the Judge D. Hillery Memorial Scholarship Foundation's annual award for his contribution to education. It highlighted the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained by Bishop Burke on September 21, 1944, in St. Joseph's New Cathedral. He became a Very Rev. Msgr. on December 13, 1959, and was made a Rt. Rev. Msgr. on September 9, 1969.