1978

The elimination of the Burke and Smith league designations and replaced by AA and A divisions, plus two less schools were the big changes for the 1978 season. With Baker Victory becoming an all girls school and Notre Dame leaving and moving into a Rochester area league, the Monsignor Martin Association realigned it's divisional structure for the twelve remaining schools. Also, the playoff format between the two leagues was discontinued. St. Francis moved from the Smith (A) division to the AA with Niagara Catholic and Dougherty moving from the Burke AA to the A division. Canisius and Timon tied for the AA division title and Niagara Catholic claimed the A crown. With no cross over game for an overall championship, all three (3) schools were declared Notre Dame Cup Champions

FINAL AA LEAGUE STANDINGS				
SCHOOL	**W-L**	**W-L**	**PTS**	
Canisius	4-1	7-1	216	47
Timon	4-1	7-1	197	55
St. Josephs	3-2	6-2	195	100
St. Francis	3-2	6-3	147	83
Turner	1-4	2-5-1	86	130
Neumann	0-5	2-6	77	188

FINAL A LEAGUE STANDINGS				
SCHOOL	**W-L**	**W-L**	**PTS**	
Niagara Catholic	5-0	6-2	172	61
DeSales	4-1	6-3	137	118
Dougherty	2-2	2-5	81	142
Mindszenty	2-2	2-5	34	137
St. Mary's	1-4	1-7	102	243
O'Hara	0-5	0-7-1	45	217

FINAL AA LEAGUE SCORING						
NAME	**SCHOOL**	**TDS**	**EPS**	**CONV**	**FGS**	**TOTAL**
Rehbaum	St. Josephs	16	0	1	0	98
Laevelle	St. Francis	13	0	0	0	78
Morris	Canisius	11	0	2	0	70
Russo	Timon	4	22	0	1	49
Concilla	Canisius	7	0	2	0	46

FINAL A LEAGUE SCORING						
NAME	**SCHOOL**	**TDS**	**EPS**	**CONV**	**FGS**	**TOTAL**
Dolphin	DeSales	5	15	0	0	45
Nolan	Niagara Catholic	7	0	1	0	44
Rotella	Niagara Catholic	7	0	0	0	42
Hightower	Dougherty	6	0	2	0	40
Catalino	St. Mary's	5	0	2	0	34

Year	1978				Selected All-Catholic By:	
First	Last	Positon	School	Grade	Courier-Express	Buffalo News
			Burke Division			
Carl	Chase	E	Canisius	12	x	x
Kevin	Illig	E	Timon	12	x	x
Warren	Lester	G	Timon	12	x	x
Fran	Page	G	Canisius	12	x	x
Chris	Nickrenz	T	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Al	Monaco	T	Timon	12	x	x
Darrell	Hooker	E	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Mike	Schuster	B	Timon	12	x	x
Mitch	Cancill	B	Canisius	12	x	x
Chris	Rehbaum	B	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Mike	LeaVell	B	St. Francis	11	x	x
	Defense					
Dan	Gierlak	LB	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Mike	Colern	LB	St. Francis	12	x	x
Paul	Russo	LB	Timon	12	x	x
George	Brooks	DL	St. Francis	12	x	x
Dave	Potenza	DL	Canisius	12	x	x
Jim	Formato	DL	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Mike	Schaus	E	Canisius	12	x	x
Charles	Bauda	E	Neuman	12	x	x
Marc	Landsberg	B	Canisius	12	x	x
John	Scibetta	B	Turner	12	x	x
Kevin	Holleran	B	Timon	12	x	x

Year	1978				Selected All-Catholic By:	
First	Last	Positon	School	Grade	Courier-Express	Buffalo News
			Smith Division			
John	Comstock	E	DeSales	12	x	x
John	DiTella	T	Mindszenty	12	x	x
Bob	O'Donnell	G	Niagara Catholic	12	x	x
Mark	Burns	C	DeSales	12	x	x
Mike	Pellegrino	G	Dougherty	12	x	x
Jay	Kugler	T	DeSales	12	x	x
Tony	Rotella	E	Niagara Catholic	12	x	x
Tom	Spanbauer	QB	Niagara Catholic	12	x	x
Jim	Nolan	B	Niagara Catholic	11	x	x
Otis	Flowers	B	DeSales	11	x	x
Dane	Hightower	B	Dougherty	9	x	
Mike	Dolphin	K	DeSales	11	x	
Joe	Catalano	B	St. Mary's	10		x
	Defense					
Rich	Widmer	E	St. Mary's	12	x	x
Mike	Williams	DL	Niagara Catholic	12	x	x
Paul	Difonzo	DL	Niagara Catholic	12	x	x
Tony	Bentz	DL	DeSales	12	x	x
Tom	Crea	E	Mindszenty	12	x	
Roy	Corieri	LB	Niagara Catholic	12	x	x
Tom	Dunford	LB	DeSales	12	x	x
Mark	Domin	LB	Dougherty	12	x	
Jim	Spenser	B	Dougherty	12	x	x
Joe	Juusko	B	Mindszenty	11	x	x
Mike	Maio	B	Niagara Catholic	12	x	
Dan	Miodozeniec	E	St. Mary's	12		x
Mark	Celenza	LB	Niagara Catholic	12		x
Mark	Gabriel	B	Niagara Catholic	11		x