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## **Suburban Catholic Turns Down Bid by Marian High**

A bid by Marian of Chicago Heights for membership in the Suburban Catholic league was turned down.

The Spartans recently announced they would withdraw from the Catholic Metropolitan conference at the close of the 1965-66 term.

Action by the Suburban Catholic leaves Marian without a league in which to play and puts Athletic Director Don Berg in the position of filling schedules on a non-conference basis.

The Suburban Catholic did expand from eight to 10 schools, but accepted Holy Cross of River Grove and Carmel of Mundelein. Also rejected was St. Francis DeSales of Chicago, also a Catholic Metropolitan member.

The CMC will break up, since Gary Andrean will also relinquish its membership.

Holy Cross will leave the Chicagoland Prep league to enter the Suburban Catholic and there is some chance Marian may apply for a place in the former.

The Rev. Niles Gillen, principal of Joliet Catholic high and Suburban Catholic president, said Marian and St. Francis DeSales were rejected "because of geographical reasons."

The Rev. Father Gillen said, "We would like to see them all accepted and we are definitely interested in further expansion through the years."

The Suburban Catholic will divide into North and South divisions.

Marian Central of Woodstock, Carmel, Notre Dame of Niles, St. Edward of Elgin and Holy Cross will make up the North. South division schools will include Immaculate Conception of Elmhurst, St. Procopius of Lisle, St. Francis of Wheaton, Marmion of Aurora and Joliet Catholic.

"Our immediate football plan is for a team to play four members of its second and three schools in the other division," Father Gillen said. "Figuring on a nine-game schedule, we could also play a couple of exhibitions."