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### **Corkery Credits Parents for Cage Success During Testimonial Dinner**

“My mother and father are responsible for what little success I may have attained in athletics”

These were the modest words spoken last night by Leo Corkery, honored guest at the SS. Peter and Paul CYC basketball dinner held in the church parish with 200 persons in attendance.

Corkery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Corkery, 844 Lafayette St., was honored for his fine athletic record at St. Bonaventure University, and also as recipient of the Catholic Youth Council Trophy, awarded annually to the outstanding Western New York college basketball player who previously participated in CYC competition.

He was presented a matched set of cuff links and tie clasp by Rev. David A Gernatt, CYC divisional moderator.

James A. Sharp, City recreation director, was the evening's principal speaker, stressing that “everyone looks up to a champion and champions must live like champions.”

Others on the speaking program were, Thomas Augustine, assistant professor of sociology at St. Bona and Leo's first CYC coach; Michael J. Battaglia, CYC coach from 1946-1949; and Father Canisius Connors, O.F.M., director of public relations at St. Bona.

Also introduced were former CYC teammates of Leo who were present. They included Jerry DeLong, home on furlough from the air corps; Jim Henry, John Madden and William VandeWater.

Rev. Gernatt introduced Leo's parents and two sisters, Mary Louise and Anne Eileen.