

## *HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE*

### **1972 Indoor Varsity Track Team**



(left to right: Pat Rafferty, Arthur Clark, CHSAA official, Br. John G. Bielen, Matt Centrowitz, Benny Greaux)

Winning a New York City High School Championship in any sport is no easy feat. There are more high schools fielding teams in the five boroughs than any pro league in the country. That's a lot of teams. A lot of great teams in fact, but only one can be crowned City Champion. Success in any venture is the sum of many things done well and that is exactly what happened when, in 1972, Power Memorial Academy won the New York City CHSAA Indoor City Championship for the first time in their history. The chemistry of all the blended elements: the camaraderie and spirit among the team members, the hours of training, their individual talents and their driving desire for success combined perfectly for a most memorable victory.

That day the stage was set for a thrilling finish when Power Memorial and Archbishop Molloy faced each other in the final event. One point separated the schools with the team title hanging in the balance of the 880-yard relay. The spectators were not disappointed as the runners battled each other on all four legs. A driving finish by anchorman Greg Little in the final 50 yards brought Power home first by two feet over rival Molloy. The resulting six points gave Power its first city-wide championship on a fine total of 29 points to edge Molloy by a single point. It was a frantic finish to one of the most exciting CHSAA title meets ever. Special recognition belongs to the point scorers that day: Arthur Jackson (2<sup>nd</sup> place - 100y Dash), Benny Greaux (1<sup>st</sup> place - 300y Dash), Matt Centrowitz (1<sup>st</sup> place - 880y Run), Leland McGee (5<sup>th</sup> place - 60y High Hurdles), Arthur Clark (1<sup>st</sup> place - 440y Run), Sean Lynch, David Powell, Richard Zayas, Greg Little (1<sup>st</sup> Place - 880y Relay)