



## **LEO (SAM) FRANZ**

Sam coached varsity basketball for 36 years. During that time, his teams won 526 games and lost 186. He divided his time between 3 schools, starting at Saginaw St. Mary's (1947-1965), moving to Saginaw St. Stephen's (1966-1981) and finishing at Merrill (1982-1985).

During his career, his teams won 6 league titles, 17 districts and 5 regionals. His teams qualified for the state finals 5 times, winning 2 titles.

Sam was twice Valley Parochial League Coach of the Year. He was Michigan High School Coach of the Year in 1969 and was inducted into the Michigan High School Hall of Fame in 1983.