

## Tony Demarco

In view of many of those who know Tony Demarco he has demonstrated a lifetime of commitment to the many people and organizations with whom he served. As a young boy, not even into his teens, Tony played in a popular boy's band, made up of many second generation Italian youngsters, under the directorship of the knowledgeable band leader, Nick Canglano. Not only was Tony a wonderful musician, he showed an outstanding ability in sports. For many years he was active in the junior and senior hockey league in the city, mainly with the Rangers and Blackhawks. His interest in sports developed to the extent that Tony decided to enter his own junior team in a city league in 1950. With the coming of the summer months Tony signed up to play football in the senior league with Garland Pepsi's. It was in the 1940's that he volunteered as manager and coach of the Catholic Youth Organization junior baseball team. He spent many long hours teaching the art of this fine sport to the neophytes who loved the game. Later Tony took an interest in golf and became a long time member of the North Bay Golf and Country Club.

In keeping with the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, Tony served his church with untiring zeal. He was president of the Catholic Youth Organization in

the 1940's at St. Rita's parish and later minister of the Eucharist at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, visiting the sick at the civic hospital for 20 years. He also served on the first elected parish council of the Pro-Cathedral and served on the finance committee for ten years. For many years Tony was seen welcoming parishioners with his effusive smile taking up the collection and working at the various dinners put on by the men's parish club.

Beside all his volunteer work, Tony found time to run the popular and successful business, Demarco Confectionary with his family. Tony was always ready to help the many charitable organizations by selling tickets out of the store for the various fundraising events around the city, including selling Rotary at Home TV Bingo cards. It was also in this venue that Tony offered much wise and compassionate advice to the hundreds of young people that over the years frequented the popular confectionary. Demarco's became like a second home for many of the teenagers about the city and were welcome to come out of the cold even if it was just for a chat.