

Keating resigns St. Francis jobs

TRAVERSE CITY — Waldo Keating, Class D football coach of the year in 1973, today announced his resignation as St. Francis athletic director and football coach.

Larry Sellers, an assistant to Keating at St. Francis since 1972, has been named head football coach. A new athletic director hasn't been named.

Keating, 43, cited a desire to spend more time with his family as the major reason for his resignation.

"After more than 20 years of coaching I decided the time had come to give it up," Keating said. "I can use the time I spent coaching with my family." Keating has eight children, ranging in age from 7 to 22.

Keating came to St. Francis in 1971 following an 18-year career at Muskegon Catholic Central. During his three years as St. Francis football coach he compiled a 23-4 record and last year the Glads were state champs in Class D.

He will remain as principal of the public school annex at St. Francis.

"I am accepting Waldo's resignation with extreme regret," Jerome Allore, superintendent of Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools, said. "I personally feel that Waldo's outstanding Christian leadership was a major contributing factor in the ath-



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letic success of the past three years. His concern for the boys and girls at St. Francis was evident in everything he did."

Sellers, principal of St. Francis High School, coached at Mt. Pleasant High School and Muskegon Catholic before joining the St. Francis staff in 1972. He and Jim Carroll served as Keating's assistant's last year.

Allore said the appointment of a new athletic director "may take some time." "The athletic director isn't only responsible for the high school but the whole Catholic school system," he said.

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