



## February E-letter

### **CYO Athletics Community,**

This season, leading up to Easter, is a time for renewed prayer. As we pray, let us consider how seriously Jesus committed himself to prayer:

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

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Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth. I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word."

John 17:6-20

"Jesus' prayer shows us that there are great ramifications behind prayer. There is a lot more to prayer than we can possibly imagine. We might not be able to see things happening, but we believe in the power of prayer nonetheless. CYO Athletics stresses the pre-game prayer because we believe prayer can impact things we cannot see. Whatever is happening in people's lives, in people's hearts, prayer can penetrate those places, bringing peace. Prayer is not always about God coming and changing things for us, but is a call for us to change.

This prayer of Jesus took place right before his arrest and crucifixion. Jesus speaks of promises; the power and truth of God's word. God has a plan for all his children, though we can't see what lies ahead. After Christ's death, the disciples felt that all hope was lost, they were confused, and did not understand. That can happen sometimes when we pray, we do not see things happening, we can lose hope. But Christ's resurrection shows us that our God is a God that fulfills His promises."

Clint Richardson  
Associate AD

## **March Schedule - Important CYO Athletics Dates**

**March 6** - Jr. High Rally

**March 11** - Seattle Sounders FC vs. Portland Timbers exhibition match at Qwest Field

**March 14** - Baseball Season Begins

**March 19** - Baseball Rosters Due

**March 27** - Volleyball Regular Season Ends

## **Spring Break Soccer Camp with Pete Fewing**

Current head coach of the Kitsap Puma's Professional Soccer Team, Pete Fewing is one of Seattle's most experienced soccer coaches. Many folks know him from his 19 years coaching the Seattle University men's soccer team, where he was awarded the National Coach of the Year in 1997 and 2004 when the team won National Championships at the Division II level. Pete has previously been named a Fulcrum Champion by the Fulcrum Foundation and worked last season as a sports analyst for Seattle Sounders FC broadcast team. Through his passion for soccer and his Catholic faith, Pete is supporting CYO Athletics with a Spring Break Soccer Camp for our CYO soccer players.

**When:** April 5th-9th, 9:00am to Noon

**Where:** Lower Woodland Turf Fields in Seattle

**Price:** Individual rate - \$135

Sibling rate (2nd child) - \$125

Sibling rate (3rd child) - \$115

Team rate (10+) - \$125

**How:** Visit [www.peterfewingsoccercamp.com](http://www.peterfewingsoccercamp.com) to sign up.

Peter Fewing Soccer Camp will donate \$10 per camper to the following organizations for participating in camp: \$7 to CYO Athletics and \$3 to the Mockingbird Society.

For more information call 206-547-4143 or 888-547-4143. e-mail [peterfewing@peterfewingsoccercamp.com](mailto:peterfewing@peterfewingsoccercamp.com)

## **Sounders FC vs. Portland Timbers 3/11**

Tickets are available for the exhibition game next week at Qwest Field between Seattle Sounders FC and the Portland Timbers at 6:00pm. The tickets are affordable at \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

## **Attention Volleyball Coaches**

### **Sportsmanship Award Nominations -**

Remember to make your nominations for this year's sportsmanship awards. All 6th-8th Grade coaches should send an e-mail to [cyo@seattlearch.org](mailto:cyo@seattlearch.org) nominating a team they play this year for the sportsmanship award. In the nomination, share with us a few specifics of why this team is so deserving.

Thank you for your commitment to CYO Athletics. If you have not received past E-Letters, they can be found on our Website by [clicking here](#). Please also continue to send us stories at [cyo@seattlearch.org](mailto:cyo@seattlearch.org), the moments of grace that make our program special, and remind everyone why we do the work we do.

Sincerely,

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