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Dear CYO Athletics Community,

What does it mean to truly be one community?

Scapegoat. As defined in the American Heritage Dictionary,

1. One that is made to bear the blame of others.
2. Bible. A live goat over whose head Aaron confessed all the sins of the children of Israel on the Day of Atonement. The goat, symbolically bearing their sins, was then sent into the wilderness.

Because "sports as ministry" is the foundation of CYO Athletics, we tie the eight components of comprehensive youth ministry to sports in our coaches training.

One of the eight components is "Justice and Service". This component is a living out of our care and concern for others. One of the most important ways the component of justice and service is experienced in CYO Athletics is that as people gather for a game, match or meet, we all come in our different roles and as one community. We need to respect each other for the roles we have: players play, coaches coach, fans cheer, officials officiate. When individuals act outside of their role it creates an imbalance in the experience. Players or coaches who attempt to officiate or fans who try to coach or officiate detract from the performance of their role for which they entered into the event.

[Here is a link](#) to thoughts on this: "Through an Umpire's Eyes"

We also enter into the experience as one community and we should treat one another accordingly. To use our voice to scapegoat any member of that community does not reflect our call to Christian discipleship. Our response to disappointment should not be to place the mistakes, imperfections, lack of performance on the shoulders of one individual and send them out into the parking lot bearing the sins of the entire community. This is not just and it does not reflect our understanding of the New Covenant that Jesus Christ died on the cross to reconcile us to God and so that our sins may be forgiven.

Let us all enter into the gym, field or stadium aware of our role in the gathered community and enthusiastically engage in full participation - where

we look outward to offer hospitality and look inward to find accountability.

~Tauno Latvala
Director of CYO Athletics

February - Important CYO Athletics Dates

February 13 - Basketball Championships at Bishop Blanchet HS

February 15 - 1st of two Volleyball coach meetings and PLACT training

February 18 - CYO Athletics Baseball team registration deadline

February 23 - 2nd of two Volleyball coach meetings and PLACT training

February 26 - Volleyball season begins

February 28 - HS Basketball Playoffs begin

Spring Break Soccer Camp

Again this year, Pete Fewing Soccer Camps will be providing their Catholic Spring Break Soccer Camp during the week following Easter, April 25th through April 29th at Lower Woodland Park. [Click here](#) for registration information.

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ONE MILLION 4 NOLA

In CYO Athletics, we are proud to be a place where winning off the court is more important than on the scoreboard. It is for that reason that we are excited to share an opportunity during basketball championships to live out Gospel values both on and off the court.

ONE MILLION 4 NOLA, asks people to shoot a free throw and to donate one dollar to help the families of New Orleans move home. One player from each team will shoot a free throw to connect with this effort. There will also be an opportunity for fans to shoot a free throw on site at Bishop Blanchet High School on Sunday, February 13.

For more information on the cause, please go to the website at

www.1million4nola.org

CYO Summer Camp 2011

You have come to know and love the Catholic Youth Organization's athletics programs, but have you checked out our summer camps? Give the Catholic faith a chance to come to life in a great community set in the beauty Western Washington has to offer. Whether your children are in high school or 1st grade, CYO Summer Camp has a place for you. Sign up to kayak the Puget Sound, hike and raft in the mountains, have an adventure at one of our picturesque facilities, or go to day camp for a little extra fun. [Click here](#) for more info.

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, the moments of grace that make our program special, and remind everyone why we do the work we do.

Sincerely,
CYO Athletics
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