



November E-Letter

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Dear CYO Athletics Community,

As we worshipped on All Saints Day on November 1st, we heard the [Gospel reading of the Beatitudes](#) which often brings to mind those individuals we know through history and our own personal experience that have lived saintly lives. It also challenges us to live our lives in such a manner.

I was reminded of several people as I sat amongst the community reflecting on the reading and the words of the homily.

I thought instantly of [Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati](#) who is known as the "Man of the Eight Beatitudes." The example of his life calls upon us to be the best we can be, to become champion athletes and disciples but instead of at the expense of others, to do so with regard for and priority of others.

I recalled the video we recently watched of Michigan State Spartans quarterback, [Kirk Cousins at Big 10 media day](#) in which he talked about privilege and responsibility. He referenced scripture Luke 12:48, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" and talked of being good stewards of the privileges they have been afforded. He talked about needing the wisdom and courage to be true examples for our youth, among other things, creating a "new standard for how to treat others". While our athletes are not nearly of the prestige of a major Division 1 athlete, they do have the power to be good examples for younger children if only in their own families as well as a source of hope for all that our young people are engaged and connected to their community.

Lastly, I recalled the [homily given at the Red Mass](#) by our own Archbishop J. Peter Sartain to Supreme Court Justices and political leaders in Washington D.C. at the beginning of October. He shared that in order for us to be fully alive, we must be giving of ourselves to others, using our gifts for the benefit of others. He was careful to point out that we do not do that simply for altruistic purposes but by fulfilling what God has called us to by giving us our gifts in the first place. By serving others in humility, we in fact grow toward the holiness that we have witnessed

in the saintly examples familiar to us.

"A sound soul in a sound body makes for a balanced life, a life of integrity. And such sound, integrally healthy lives given to public service lift up and transform society. And consciously committed lives of discipleship reveal the living, saving presence of the humble Savior who gives himself as food to those who are his own. It is his love, his sacrifice which sets the standard for every life of humble service - and thus it is a living relationship with him that integrates our lives and makes them truly healthy. That is what we call *holiness*."

We have made it a point of emphasis this year for our coaches to seek service opportunities for their teams this year in an effort to build community among them, grow in connection to the community around them and to fully live out the presence of God within them.

Please support our coaches in this endeavor by participating along with your youth. In addition, CYO Athletics will be working to develop opportunities for CYO Athletics participants and families to engage as a larger community as we did with Shirts Across America and their [1 Million 4 NOLA](#) campaign that will once again be part of our basketball program this year.

May we all see the examples of saints in our lives and strive toward the holiness by using the gifts we have been given in service for others in humility and gratefulness for a loving God who entrusts them to our care.

Many thanks to all of the saints who have gone on before us and prayers for blessings for us to live out the beatitudes in our daily lives,

~Tauno Latvala
Director of CYO Athletics

November - Important CYO Athletics Dates

November 5 - Soccer Championships at Lakeside

November 6 - Basketball Referee Training at St. Luke, Shoreline 6-8pm

November 9 - First Basketball Coaches Meeting (See More Below)

November 12 - CYO Athletics JV Basketball Jamboree

November 15 - Second Basketball Coaches Meetings (See More Below)

November 19 & 20 - Regular Season Basketball Begins

November 19 - Catholic Schools Basketball Classic (See More Below)

Catholic Schools Basketball Classic: SU Men's Basketball vs. USF November 19th @ Key Arena

Come celebrate and support Catholic Schools in Western Washington! The Fulcrum Foundation has partnered with Seattle University to offer the second annual Catholic Schools Basketball Classic.

Who: Seattle U Men's Basketball team vs. University of San Francisco

When: November 19th @ 3:00pm

Where: Key Arena, Seattle

What: Tickets can be purchased for \$12. Proceeds will support Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle: 50% benefits your school/parish directly and a portion supports Fulcrum's programs for families and schools in need.

How: Order tickets by calling Seattle U at 206-296-2835, and make sure to tell them what school/parish you're from. You can also order online by going to <http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/basketball>.

There will be a joint choir from the Catholic High Schools singing the National Anthem, and there will be opportunities for player autographs after the game. It is also a double header, with the SU women playing right before the men starting at 12:15pm and there is no additional cost for that game.

CYO Athletics families should know that although this is a basketball game day for CYO Athletics, we will not have games scheduled that will conflict with the 3pm men's game.

Questions? Call the Fulcrum Foundation office at 206-748-7988.

2nd CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CLASSIC
PROCEEDS BENEFIT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN WESTERN WASHINGTON

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY REDHAWKS vs. UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO DONS

**NOVEMBER 19, 2011, at 3 PM
KEY ARENA, SEATTLE**

Presented by:  



2011 CYO Athletics Basketball Coaches Meetings

This year, CYO Athletics will be trying new technology, to make the pre-season basketball coaches meeting more accessible for coaches. Each meeting will have one satellite site, where the content from the coaches meeting will be streamed to this additional site.

What does this mean for coaches?

On Wednesday, November 9th, CYO Athletics will have the regularly scheduled basketball coaches meeting at Isaac Orr Conference Center (910 Marion St. Seattle) from 7:00-8:30pm. Following that meeting, there will be a Play Like A Champion Today (PLC) coaches training in Isaac Orr from 8:30-11:00pm.

In addition, on November 9th, Lakeside Middle School will be hosting any coach who does not need to take the PLC training to attend the coaches meeting through a live Internet connection to the meeting from 7:00-8:30pm. CYO Athletics will have facilitators on site to make sure everyone signs in and to help relay questions to Isaac Orr, or simply answer questions on site.

On Tuesday, November 15th, CYO Athletics will have the regularly scheduled basketball coaches meeting at Pigott Auditorium ([Pigott Building, Seattle University](#)) from 7:00-8:30pm. Following that meeting,

there will be a Play Like A Champion Today (PLC) coaches training in Pigott Auditorium from 8:30-11:00pm.

This time, in addition, St. Louise in Bellevue will be hosting any coach who does not need to take the PLC training to attend the coaches meeting through a live Internet connection to the meeting from 7:00-8:30pm. Again, CYO Athletics will have facilitators on site to make sure everyone signs in and to help relay questions to Seattle University, or simply answer questions on site.

CYO Athletics reiterates that these satellite sites are truly only a resource for coaches who do not need to take the PLC coaches training, because there will not be trainings offered at Lakeside or St. Louise on these nights. Only coaches who attend the meetings at Isaac Orr or Seattle University can stay for the PLC training from 8:30-11pm.

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,
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