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Dear CYO Athletics Community,

In the weekend following Thanksgiving, we make the transition to a new liturgical year and to the First Sunday of Advent. Of course, this year in the Catholic Church we also made the much anticipated change to the New Roman Missal. Because of our need to grow into the changes, it is a transition that will feel extended for some time as we get familiar with the new prayers and responses.

This is nothing compared to the transitions that happen in the stores as we shift from holiday season to holiday season. They are quick, abrupt and often well in advance of what feels natural in our own mind and experience. In the shift from Thanksgiving to Christmas, we are encouraged to move from a sense of gratitude to the busyness and hustle and bustle of consumer activity. That being the case, I would like to spend these moments of waiting in Advent for the gift of the coming of the Lord, focused on thanksgiving of those who make CYO Athletics the quality experience it is for our youth, families and communities who participate.

When we gather at our coaches meetings, we pray "[A Prayer to See God in Youth Sports](#)". It is a prayer of thanksgiving to God for and reminder of the key people, both directly stated and implied, who impact our program.

Big THANK YOU's to the key volunteers who make CYO Athletics possible:

- The Athletics Advisory Committee that provides leadership and vision;
- The sport commissions that put that vision into motion as they oversee their respective sports from the coaches meetings through the championships;
- Athletic Directors who lead by implementing that vision at the parish or school level;
- Parish/school athletic boards who provide vision and support for their athletic director;
- Parish/school sport coordinators who do the detail work in each sport season;
- Volunteers who assist in set up, facilitation and break down of our meets for cross country and track and field;
- Volunteers who referee our younger divisions of games, who create an enjoyable learning environment and take on a duty that many are not willing to do;

And lastly, but most importantly,

- Coaches who directly give of their time, energy, expertise and passion for youth to provide them an opportunity to play, grow and develop into the young people they are called to be;

Thanks to all for your participation, leadership and service in CYO Athletics. It would not happen without you!
May the Advent season and Christmas season to follow bring the blessings of joy to you and your family.

~Tauno Latvala
Director of CYO Athletics

December - Important CYO Athletics Dates

December 9 - HS Basketball Team Registration Deadline

December 26-30 - [Knights of Columbus Christmas Tournaments](#)

December 27 - 29 - Slalom Slam Tournament at Seattle Prep

2011 Slalom Slam Tournament

This year, Seattle Prep will be hosting Varsity Girls basketball teams from Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada in their annual Slalom Slam Tournament, December 27th-29th. This is a great opportunity to see high level high school basketball for a reasonable price (children 12 years old and under are FREE!). [Click Here](#) for more information.

Interested CYO Basketball playing girls should also see [This Flyer](#) for a FREE basketball clinic for girls at Seattle Prep on Dec. 28th.

Thank You Seattle University

CYO Athletics thanks Seattle University for their partnership this Fall. The men's and women's soccer teams offered some great opportunities for CYO Athletics teams, the Cross Country coach gave of her time to meet with our coaches after the pre-season coaches meeting, and the Athletics department got us access to Connolly Center for CYO Basketball games. We look forward to future collaborations, clinics, and camps. Continue to show your support for SU by organizing groups to attend any of their upcoming sporting events. For group tickets, call 206-398-GOSU.

Save the Date - Lenten Service Opportunity

Looking for a family or group service project for Lent?

Looking for a way to build team community for an upcoming season or a reunion for a previous one?

There will be a fun afternoon of service at [CYO Camp Don Bosco](#) in Carnation, WA on **Sunday, March 25th**. There will be multiple projects and the time frame will have some flexibility. For those that want to stay, there will be a post-project gathering which will include a light supper. Details are being finalized. Contact athletics@seattlearch.org for follow up.

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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