The Catholic Youth Organization
Archdiocese of Indianapolis

The CYO exists to provide opportunities for youth to develop strong moral character, self-worth and a community service orientation through activities of a social, educational and recreational nature, based on Catholic principles that reinforce proper societal value. As a community of faith within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the CYO is committed to a ministry of formation that helps bring youth to their full human potential.
The President's Report
Jack M. Woodside
CYO Board President

As I write this letter I am truly filled with mixed emotions. My second and final year as president of the CYO Board of Directors has come to an end. And, while I will serve as an ex-officio member of the board next year, my membership on one of the great boards in central Indiana will soon be over.

On the other hand, I am very excited to have been a member of the CYO Board of Directors for the last six years. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve on this board and follow in the footsteps of many individuals who I have admired during my lifetime of CYO activities.

When I say I have spent my lifetime participating in CYO activities, I mean that literally. Like many of us, I grew up participating in all CYO activities for my school, and parish. Following college I began to coach CYO athletics at St. Luke and I went on to become the school’s athletic director. I was also a chairman of the committee that built the new gym at St. Luke. I have also participated in CYO athletics as a reference that got me started officiating athletics at the high school level with the IHSSAA. I really have been involved with every facet of the CYO at some point in my life.

Which brings me back to my years as a volunteer member of the CYO Board of Directors. In 1999 the Catholic Youth Organization celebrated its 60th anniversary in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Beginning in 1999 and continuing through today, the CYO board of directors has always been a dedicated and hardworking group, constantly demonstrating a real commitment to young people.

I am proud to report that this board’s commitment and dedication to the future continues even more passionately today, especially with CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County, Indiana. In the past three years the CYO, under the direction of the board, has invested over $300,000 in the camp facilities. A new septic system was constructed at camp, new roofs and windows were added to cabins, the camp pool was completely renovated, all camp buildings were given a new matching paint scheme and a new house was constructed on camp property for the CYO camp director and his family. This, by the way, was the first new building constructed at Camp Rancho Framasa in almost 30 years.

Why such a long-term investment in Camp Rancho Framasa? Over the last five years there has been a tremendous growth in the CYO residential camping program. The popularity of CYO Camp Rancho Framasa is at an all time high. The residential camping season is sold out each year with hundreds more young people placed on a waiting list to attend camp. The CYO camping program truly fulfills the mission of CYO to its fullest extent.

We are so proud that the CYO is able to offer quality programs to the young people in our Catholic schools and parishes. Over the last six years we have seen a dramatic increase in the participation numbers for all CYO programs and activities. Youth involvement in CYO is at an all time high. Those of you who are reading this report are the people to be thanked. Through your friendship and support today, tomorrow will be brighter and even more exciting for our youth.

The CYO is truly a great organization. Through the efforts of a hardworking staff, a dedicated board, committed volunteers and generous supporters, the CYO is in very capable hands. I am proud to be a member of the CYO family and pleased to have been able to give something back to this organization which has always been a big part of my life. The CYO truly impacts young lives in a positive way and will continue to do so well into the 21st century.
Year In Review
July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999

1998 Fall Activities

FOOTBALL
- 24 teams participated in the 56 league.
- 23 teams participated in the Cadet league.
- 1015 players competed for their Catholic schools and parishes.
- These 47 teams represent an increase of one team over 1997.
- St. Thomas School entered teams into the CYO Football Program for the first time.
- The CYO Football Championship games were played at Roncalli High School Stadium on November 4, 1998.

FALL KICKBALL
- Kickball continues to grow with 161 teams entered into the 1998 fall kickball league compared to 191 in 1997.
- Competition was held in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet B and Cadet A leagues.
- The increase in teams has made the scheduling of games more difficult as kickball diamonds at most of the parishes were used every night of the week and some Saturday mornings.
- A shortage of kickball umpires was experienced due to the increase in the number of games played.

BOYS & GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
- 2nd year for the CYO boys high school volleyball program.
- Five boys teams participated.
- Nine girls teams participated.
- Boys high school volleyball is not yet sanctioned by the IHSAA.

CROSS COUNTRY
- New program in 1998. The program was not officially sponsored by the CYO but was conducted by a group of CYO volunteer coaches on a trial basis.
- The program was offered to boys and girls in grades 6 through 8.

CROSS COUNTRY (continued)
- Six schools participated this fall with over 100 participants.
- The program offered three regular season meets and a city-wide meet.
- It is anticipated that cross country will become an official CYO activity in 1999.

CYO CHESS
- The second season for the CYO chess league.
- Eight schools entered 58 teams into the league with 152 youths participating.
- Competition is divided into three distinct age groups: 3rd grade and under, 4th grade and under and 5th grade and under.
- The league features academic competition among schools and is based on team play with each team consisting of four players.
- The program featured five weeks of team competition and a postseason team tournament held at CYO Center gymnasium.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
- The girls basketball program grew again with 208 teams entered into the program. Last year 192 teams were entered into the program featuring competition in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet C, Cadet B and Cadet A leagues.
- Almost 1,700 girls participated in the CYO girls basketball program.

BINGO NIGHT
- The First Annual CYO Bingo Night Fundraiser was held at the Indiana Convention Center.
- Almost 700 tickets were sold to this event which featured 10 games of bingo in a fun and social atmosphere.
- Prizes such as vacation packages, golf club, big screen television, dinner packages and cash were given to the bingo winners.
- This event which was chaired by Paula Schaefer and John Dillon raised over $15,000 for the CYO.
1998-99 Winter Activities

BOYS BASKETBALL
- The boys basketball program grew from 360 teams in 1997-98 to 372 teams this year.
- Over 3000 boys participated in the CYO boys basketball program.
- Competition was offered in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet A, Cadet B, Cadet C, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior-Senior and Girls High School.
- Stricter rules were adopted for the high school leagues in regard to behavioral issues. These changes were designed to increase player and parish accountability and increase the supervision of the high school athletes before, during and after games.
- The CYO grade school and high school archdiocesan championship games were played at St. Rita Memorial High School.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
- The girls volleyball program grew to 242 teams. Up from 220 teams the previous season.
- Over 3000 girls participated in the CYO girls volleyball program.
- Competition was offered in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet C, Cadet B, and Cadet A.
- The volleyball volleyball was introduced to teams participating in the 4th grade league. This ball is lighter and is easier for younger players to control and volley.

WRESTLING
- 13 teams entered the league with 300 boys participating.
- Competition is held in 18 different weight classes beginning with 65 pounds and continuing up to 275 pounds.
- The CYO city wrestling tournament was held at Cardinal Ritter High School.

CYO MUSIC CONTEST
- Over 700 youth from throughout the Archdiocese participated in the CYO Music Contest held at Bishop Chatard High School.
- Competition was held in piano, vocal and instrumental divisions.
- An honors music recital for the most outstanding participants from the contest was held at Marion college following the contest.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT
- Almost 100 bowlers participated with competition held in the following divisions: Junior High, Freshman-Sophomore, Junior-Senior and Adult Men and Women.
- Awards are presented to individual and team bowlers for high game and high series in each category.

SCIENCE FAIR
- 118 youths representing 23 schools from throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis participated in the CYO Science Fair held at CYO Youth Center gymnasium.
- Students exhibited projects in physical and biological science divisions.
- Awards were presented to the outstanding presenters in the 7th and 8th grades.

ONE ACT PLAYS FESTIVAL
- 6 plays were entered into the high school one act play division and 4 plays were entered into the junior high one act play competition.
- 200 youths participated in the competition which was held at Central Catholic School.
- Awards were given to 6 participants in the following categories: Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Actor Runner-up, Best Actress Runner-up, Best Costume, Best Make-up, Best Direction and Best Play.
BASEBALL
- 26 Cadet level teams were entered into the baseball program and 350 boys participated.
- The baseball playoffs and league championship game were held at the CYO Monsignor Dowey Baseball facility.

SPRING KICKBALL
- The Spring Kickball Program grew to 110 teams, up from 105 teams the previous spring season.
- Over 1,250 girls played CYO Spring Kickball.
- Fewer teams participate in the CYO Spring Kickball Season due to the increased number of activities in the spring for the girls.

SOCCER
- The CYO Soccer Program grew to 48 teams this spring with 26 teams entered into the 56 league and 22 teams into the Cadet League.
- The CYO Soccer Program is co-ed for both leagues with over 900 boys and girls participating.

TRACK
- 22 teams participated in the CYO Track program, up from 19 teams the previous year.
- Over 1,000 boys and girls participated in the CYO Track Program in 1999.
- The city-wide track meet was held at the Indiana University Track Stadium on the campus of IUPUI.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY
- The 1999 CYO Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held Tuesday, May 4, 1999 at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral.
- The Very Reverend Joseph F. Schaefer, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis presided at the ceremony.
- 31 youths received Spirit of Youth Awards
- 24 adult volunteers received Monsignor Albert Butalid Awards
- 8 adult volunteers received St. John Bosco Medal.
1999 Summer Activities

CYO CAMP
- The 1999 CYO Summer Camp Program had 1,784 campers registered over the 10-week camping season. The summer program was filled on April 1, 1999 representing the earliest date that camp was sold out in camp history.
- Due to extremely high demand for the program this summer, 700 campers had to be placed on a waiting list and 500 additional campers had their deposits returned without being placed on the waiting list.
- Over 150 children attended camp on partial or full scholarships.
- CYO Camp Rancho Framosa was one of six camps selected to participate in the National Inclusion Program Study. CYO Camp Rancho Framosa is one of only a few camps in the United States that sponsors a true inclusion program for campers with special needs as part of its regular camping program.
- 65 inclusion campers attended camp this summer as compared to only eight campers just five years ago.

HIGH SCHOOL CO-ED SOFTBALL
- 9 Parishes and over 160 high school age youth participated.
- Incoming freshman and graduating seniors participated together from mid-June through the end of July.
- The CYO softball program is unique in that it is co-ed at the high school level.

CASH RAFFLE
- The 25th Annual Cash Raffle raised $10,821 for the CYO.
- 260 tickets were sold to the raffle and dinner held at the Primo North Banquet Facility on the grounds of Fort Benjamin Harrison.
- Loretta Sweeney was the winner of the $15,000 Grand Prize.

CYO ARCHDIOCESAN KINGS ISLAND DAY
- Almost 1,300 youths and adults participated in the 20th Annual CYO Archdiocesan Kings Island Outing held July 28th, 1999.
Thank You To Our Friends and Financial Supporters through December 1999

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60,499
43,207

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$1,248,842

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