The Catholic Youth Organization
Archdiocese of Indianapolis

THE

CYO

JOURNEY

1999-2000
Annual Report
&
Year End Review
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.
What is the CYO? It may seem like somewhat of a ridiculous question because, on the surface, the answer appears obvious. I have always believed the answer lies deeper than the ball games, camping, trophies, ribbons, gymnasiums, athletic fields, team uniforms, etc. At its core, the CYO is a Journey—a movement of young people from diverse backgrounds through adolescence into adulthood. The CYO is a Journey that inspires and educates youth about the qualities and characteristics that drive them to become self-confident leaders. All who live the CYO Journey benefit from the extraordinary experience.

This annual CYO report celebrates The Journey of all the thousands of participants in 1999-2000. Hopefully, you will be able to call to mind the heart-pounding triumphs, the heart-breaking defeats, the hard work and challenges met and the laughter and tears that together foster these kids to become solid young adults. The CYO is a Journey of champions where the definition of champion takes on new meaning. Participants in CYO leave with messages applicable to any pursuit that requires hard work, dedication and perseverance. Lessons learned from mistakes and losses are just as important as lessons learned through winning. Anyone taking The Journey is a champion.

Perhaps this report should be called The Journey 1999-2000 because it is the story of thousands of children and events in one year of their lives. It also is a story of many wonderful adults whom we call coach, counselor, teacher, moderator, judge, official, umpire, athletic director, gym manager, board member and mom and dad who make up all the volunteers. It is through all these caring adults that we carry out Gods blessings. These volunteers think beyond themselves and their own self interests to help kids along the most important Journey of their lives.

Thanks for celebrating with us all the wonderful youth and adults who make up the CYO Family. The numbers in the past tell only a very small part of the real story. The real story is beyond winning and losing. THE REAL STORY IS THE JOURNEY.

God bless you for all that you do to support the CYO. This year past we were abundantly blessed which has allowed us to go beyond the norm in many ways. Thank you for your love for CYO and for the young people we are called to serve.
FOOTBALL
- 26 teams and 382 players participated in the 56 Football League.
- 22 teams and 481 players participated in the Cadet Football League.
- 1063 total boys played CYO Football this Fall which represented an increase of 48 boys from the 1998 season.
- These 47 teams represent an increase of one team over 1997.
- The CYO Football Championship games were played at the RCA Dome on Thursday, November 2, 1999. Thanks to Pat Early for obtaining the RCA Dome for the CYO.

FALL KICKBALL
- A record number of teams were entered into the Fall League this year with 170 teams participating. This number represented 10 more teams than in 1998.
- Due to the increase in teams, several regular season games had to be played on Saturday mornings as diamonds filled up during the traditional weeknight playing dates.
- Competition was conducted in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet B and Cadet A Leagues.
- Despite adding 17 new umpires to the CYO kickball Umpires Association, a shortfall of umpires continued.

BOYS & GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
- This was the 3rd year for the CYO boys high school volleyball league.
- Four boys teams participated.
- Nine girls teams participated.

CROSS COUNTRY
- Cross Country became an official CYO activity this Fall. Prior to 1999, the cross country program was conducted by a group of CYO volunteer coaches on a trial basis.
- The program was offered to boys and girls in grades six through eight.
- Nine schools participated this Fall with over 200 participants.
- The program offered three regular season meets and a citywide meet.
- The CYO City Cross Country meet was held at Southeastway Park.

CHESS
- This was the third season for the CYO Chess program.
- Competition is divided into three separate age groups: 3rd grade and under, 6th grade and under and 8th grade and under.
- Six schools entered 22 teams into the league with 88 youth participating.
- 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 tournament held at the CYO Center gymnasium.

GOLF OUTING
- The 7th Annual CYO Golf Outing was held Thursday, September 9, 1999 at the Links Golf Club in New Palestine.
- The outing featured 128 golfers and 55 hole sponsors.
- Ed Salm was the chairman for this event which raised over $10,000 for the CYO.

BINGO NIGHT
- The 2nd Annual CYO Bingo Night Fundraiser was conducted in the 500 Ballroom at the Indiana Convention Center.
- Over 350 tickets were sold to this event which featured bingo in a fun and social atmosphere.
- Prizes for a winning bingo card included vacation packages, televisions, gift certificates, dinner packages and cash.
- A raffle was held in conjunction with the bingo with a $1,000 shopping spree at a Simon Mall as the grand prize.
- This event which was chaired by Paula Schaefer and John Dillon raised over $14,000 for the CYO.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
- The CYO girls basketball program continued to grow in 1999 with 217 teams entered into the program. 208 teams participated in 1998.
- Competition was conducted in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet C, Cadet B and Cadet A leagues.
- Over 1,700 girls participated in the CYO girls basketball program.
BOYS BASKETBALL
- 369 boys basketball teams were entered into the 1999-2000 boys basketball program.
- Over 3000 boys and 800 coaches participated in the program.
- Competition was held in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet C, Cadet B, Cadet A, Freshman-Sophomore, Junior-Senior and Girls High School.
- During the regular season and postseason nearly 3,500 games were played throughout central Indiana.
- The CYO grade school and high school Archdiocesan championship games were played at Scocita Memorial High School.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
- Competition was conducted in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet C, Cadet B, and Cadet A leagues.
- Over 2,500 girls participated in the program.

WRESTLING
- 14 teams were entered into the 2000 wrestling program with over 300 boys participating.
- Competition is held in 18 different weight classes beginning with 65 pounds and continuing up to 275 pounds.
- The regular season consisted of seven matches and one invitational tournament for each team.
- The season ending city tournament was hosted by Cardinal Ritter High School.

MUSIC CONTEST
- Over 500 young people from throughout the Indianapolis Archdiocese participated in the 42nd Annual CYO Music Contest.
- The contest was hosted by Bishop Cathedral High School for 26th consecutive year.
- Competition was held in piano, vocal and instrumental divisions.
- The most outstanding participants from the contest participated in an honors music recital at the Bush Lilly Theater at the Children’s Museum.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT
- Over 30 bowlers participated in the bowling tournament hosted by Sport Bowl.
- Competition was held in Freshman-Sophomore, Junior-Senior and Adult Men and Women divisions.
- Awards are presented to individual and team bowlers for high game and high series in each category.

SCIENCE FAIR
- 19 schools from throughout the Indianapolis Archdiocese sent 140 students to participate in the 2000 CYO Science Fair held at the CYO Center gymnasium.
- Participants in the science fair were winners from the many school science fairs throughout the Archdiocese.
- 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
- Three plays were entered into the high school one act play division and five plays were entered into the junior high one act play competition.
- 130 young people participated in the competition which was held at Central Catholic School.
- Awards were presented to those judged to be the most outstanding 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.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
- 14 high school co-ed volleyball teams were entered into the 2000 co-ed volleyball tournament.
- 150 high school age boys and girls participated in the tournament held at the St. Barnabas gymnasium.
- This double elimination tournament featured rally scoring and free substitution to keep the event fast paced and enjoyable.
BASEBALL
• 23 baseball teams were entered into the 2000 CYO Baseball Program and over 300 boys participated.
• Due to the fairly dry Spring weather, the baseball program was able to be completed before the end of the school year.
• The baseball playoffs and league championship game were held at the CYO Monsignor Downey baseball facility.

SPRING KICKBALL
• 102 teams participated in the 2000 Spring Kickball program.
• Fewer teams participate in the Spring Kickball program due to the increased number of activities in the Spring for the girls.
• Over 1,100 girls played Kickball in the Spring as compared to 1,700 girls in the Fall.

SOCCER
• 47 teams were entered into the 2000 CYO Soccer program – 21 Cadet level teams and 26 56 level teams.
• The CYO Soccer Program is co-ed for both leagues with over 900 boys and girls participating.

TRACK
• 23 teams participated in the 2000 CYO Track Program, up from 22 teams in 1999.
• Over 1,000 boys and girls participated in the CYO Track Program in 2000.
• Track participation is divided into three distinct classes based on age, height and weight.
• Track team members compete in both field events and running events.
• The CYO City Track and Field Meet was held at the Michael A. Carroll Track and Field Stadium on the Campus of IUPUI.

SPRING BINGO NIGHT
• A second CYO Bingo Fundraiser was held April 29, 2000 at the Central Catholic gymnasium. It was hoped that a springtime bingo event would be more convenient to those attending.
• Almost 200 people attended this fundraiser which featured bingo and a number of different prize giveaways.
• Sahm’s Catering provided the food for this special event.
• The event was chaired by Paula Schaefer and raised over $8,000 for the CYO.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY
• The 2000 CYO Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.
• The Very Reverend Joseph E. Schaefer, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis presided at the ceremony.
• Spirit of Youth Awards were presented to 16 young people.
• Monsignor Albert Busald Awards were presented to 23 adult volunteers.
• St. John Bosco Medals, the highest award presented to a CYO volunteer, were presented to 8 adult volunteers.
Snapshots Along The Way

CYO CAMP
- The 2000 CYO Summer Camp Program had 1,938 campers registered over the 10 week camping season.
- The Summer camping season, which began June 11, 2000, was completely sold out by mid-March.
- Due to the high demand to attend Summer camping sessions, several hundred potential campers had to be placed on a waiting list.
- Several hundred children participated in CYO Camping programs on CYO Campships.
- Campers were able to choose 10 different camping programs in which to participate.
- 100 inclusion campers attended camp in 2000 as compared to 65 campers in 1999. The inclusion program benefits campers with special needs.
- The camp pavilion, the hub of the camping activities, was remodeled in 2000 including the addition of modern restroom facilities.
- In November 2000, construction began on a 13,700 sq. ft. dining hall to replace the old and antiquated mess hall which is too small for the current camper population. It is hoped the facility will be completed before the 2001 Summer camping season. This project was made possible through the support of the Indianapolis Archdiocese’s Legacy of Hope Campaign, the Indianapolis Foundation and The Lilly Endowment. Additionally, proceeds from the sale of Camp Cristina were used to support this project.
- This new dining hall is the first step in a strategic plan to turn Camp Rancho Framassa into a year-round facility.

CASH RAFFLE
- The 26th Annual Cash Raffle was held at the Primo North Banquet facility at Fort Benjamin Harrison on June 14, 2000.
- 234 tickets were sold to the raffle and dinner which raised $7,500 for the CYO.
- Trudy Killion was the winner of the $15,000 grand prize.
- Phil Wilhelm and Bob Cook acted as Co-chairman for the raffle for the 26th consecutive year.
- In a mini-ralle held in conjunction with the cash raffle, Jim Tobin won a night at the Brownings Investments suite at Victory Field to watch the Indianapolis Indians.
- Thanks to John Adams of Brownings Investments for donating the suite for the raffle.

CYO ARCHDIOCESAN KINGS ISLAND DAY
- Almost 1,500 young people and adults participated in the 21st Annual CYO Archdiocesan Kings Island Day.
- The event has been held on the last Wednesday in July since 1979.
- Due to the volume of tickets sold by the CYO office, groups enjoyed a 42% savings from the Kings Island general admission price.

HIGH SCHOOL CO-ED SOFTBALL
- Four parishes and almost 100 high school age youth participated in the 2000 Summer Softball Program.
- Incoming freshman and graduating seniors participated together from mid June through the end of July.
- At the conclusion of the regular season a double elimination tournament was played at the Monsignor Downey Softball Field.
- Along with the tournament, the teams had a pitch-in picnic. All players and spectators enjoyed the pitch-in throughout the day.
Catholic Youth Organization and St. Vincent Sports Medicine developed a relationship in December 1999 which named St. Vincent Sports Medicine as the exclusive provider of sports medicine services to the CYO. With the addition of St. Vincent Sports Medicine to the CYO Family, the CYO added a new focus on education and wellness activities that will improve the health benefits for youth and resources for coaches and parents.

St. Vincent Sports Medicine has previously concentrated its efforts on high school interscholastic programs. While this emphasis will continue, the program has strategically moved into activities that will help entire families with fitness, athletic activities, injury prevention and treatment.

The CYO has always been committed to a ministry of information that helps bring youth to their full human potential. While the CYO focus has been to provide opportunities for young people to develop strong moral character, self-esteem and leadership qualities through activities of a social, educational, recreational and athletic nature, the addition of St. Vincent Sports Medicine adds to that focus.

With St. Vincent Sports Medicine, the CYO adds a professional, well-respected health care group to its service package that will elevate its ability to be the premier youth serving agency in the community. In effect this partnership has added seventeen certified athletic trainers and sixteen sport medicine physicians to the staff of the CYO.

St. Vincent Sports Medicine has become an important partner with the CYO. The CYO is proud of its accomplishments since 1946 and is determined to improve on its record into the 21st Century.

1999-2000 CYO Activities Report

4TH GRADE NATIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 21 - Participants: 200
League Champion: Holy Name
League Runner-Up: St. Suzanne
Division #1 Champion: Holy Name
Division #1 Runner-Up: St. Michael
Division #3 Champion: St. Suzanne
Wild Card Team: Incarnate Heart G

4TH GRADE AMERICAN GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 22 - Participants: 200
League Champion: St. Luke W
League Runner-Up: St. Luke W
Division #1 Champion: St. Bernabas M
Division #3 Champion: St. Luke W
Division #3 Runner-Up: St. Michael
Wild Card Team: St. Luke B

1999 ST. MATTHEW CADET A GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Tournament Champion - St. Bernabas Tournament Runner-Up - St. Plus
Semi- finalists - St. Luke and St. Jude

1999 OUR LADY OF LOURDES CADET B GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Tournament Champion - St. Bernabas Tournament Runner-Up - St. Jude
Semi- finalists - St. Matthew and Mount Carmel

1999 IMMATURE HEART C:D GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Tournament Champion - St. Luke B Tournament Runner-Up - St. Luke C
Semi- finalists - Incarnate Heart B and St. Simon

1999 LITTLE FLOWER 95 GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Tournament Champion - St. Bernabas Tournament Runner-Up - St. Jude
Semi- finalists - St. Matthew and Mount Carmel

1999 ST. LUKE 95 B GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Tournament Champion - Mount Carmel Tournament Runner-Up - St. Jude
Semi- finalists - St. Plus C and Mount Carmel C

1999 MOUNT CARMEL 95 C GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Tournament Champion - Mount Carmel Tournament Runner-Up - St. Jude
Semi- finalists - St. Matthew W and St. Luke B

1999 ST. BARNABAS 4TH GRADE GIRLS NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Tournament Champion - Holy Name Tournament Runner-Up - St. Thomas
Semi- finalists - Incarnate Heart M and St. Michael

1999 ST. BARNABAS 4TH GRADE GIRLS AMERICAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Tournament Champion - St. Luke W Tournament Runner-Up - St. Plus W
Semi- finalists - St. Luke B and St. Matthew W
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Summary Financial Information
Results of Program Operations – Year ending June 30, 2000

**REVENUE:**
- Contributions: $213,489
- Archdiocesan Support: 125,148
- United Way Support: 30,030
- Special Events: 87,226
- Program Service Fees-Athletic & Cultural: 394,211
- Program Service Fees-Camp: 478,116
- Endowments, Grants & Other Income: 57,834
- **Total Revenue:** $1,386,054

**EXPERES:**
- Athletic & Cultural Programs: $566,812
- Management & General: 643,004
- Fund-Raising: 79,614
- **Total Expenses:** $1,342,428

Management & General: 6%
Athletic/Cultural Program: 48%
Fund-Raising: 4%

Change in Net Assets: $43,626