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.
Cornerstones
A Message From
CYO Executive Director
Edward J. Tinder

Dear Friends:

It is my distinct privilege to present this annual report. By most standards of measurement this past year was one of deep satisfaction for all of us who care about the future of the Catholic Youth Organization. Cornerstones were laid on which a foundation of success was built.

The year was highlighted by several historic accomplishments. With assistance from such prestigious partners as the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Lilly Endowment, United Way of Central Indiana, the Indianapolis Foundation and supporters of CYO, we are engaged in the biggest reconstruction project in the history of CYO Camp Rancho Franciscan. In fact, over the last six or seven years, we have invested approximately $3.5 million in a transformation of the camp buildings and infrastructure.

Last year we unveiled a new 300 seat amphitheater carved out of a picturesque hillside setting surrounded by tall pine trees. This quickly became the prime gathering spot at camp. This past fall we completed a 13,700 sq. ft., $1.5 million outdoor program center and dining hall that will be the crown jewel of camp. For the first time in the 60 plus year history of CYO Camp all the campers will be able to eat at the same time because now we have a dining room large enough to accommodate everyone. The outdoor program center has several meeting rooms, two fireplaces and a first-class kitchen. I might add that the view from the large deck in front of the building is spectacular.

We are not done yet, by no means. Currently, three new cabins are under construction and will be completed in time for the arrival of the 2,000 campers this coming summer. These new cabins will be very accommodating to young and old alike. Also, we are renovating all the existing cabins and the camp chapel.

Keep in mind that all this new construction is taking place at a facility that has not had much done to it over the last 30 to 35 years. Every day we are pouring the foundation, laying the cornerstone and setting the pillars for the next generation of young people. Friends are stepping forward in historic fashion to turn vision into reality and stewardship into action.

In addition to applauding and thanking the unselfish community partners and supporters that have helped CYO build for the future, I want to recognize the efforts of The best board of directors an organization could ever hope to have. The CYO board leads with a passion. This past year, our board completed two major planning processes. We have established a five year strategic plan and a long-term master facilities plan. This has been no small task but has produced large results for the future.

Not to be outdone by the building progress of CYO, the number of participants and volunteers continues to rise. The people part of CYO is truly the most important for the future. There is not one single activity that we sponsor that did not show an increase in participation this past year.

While we are working hard to get our facilities to a level of quality that we can all be proud of, our programs have always been at that level because of our good volunteers. I would be remiss if I did not include the past board members and CYO directors and staff in the group that has made CYO what it is today. We are just fortunate to have the opportunity to do our part to renew a vision begun long ago.

Good stewardship demands that we return our gifts with increase to the Lord. I hope that after perusing this report you will agree with me that our community, our church and our Lord are each seeing a wonderful return of the investment all have made in CYO. God bless you for your friendship and faithful support. Your are truly the cornerstone of CYO and your support of the foundation of this organization can never be overstated.
CORNERSTONES OF CYO

FOOTBALL
- 29 teams participated in the 56 Football League with a total of 626 players.
- 22 teams participated in the Cadet Football League with a total of 484 players.
- These 51 teams represented an increase of four teams from the 1999 CYO Football League.
- 1,110 players competed for their Catholic schools and parishes which represented an increase of 47 boys from the 1999 CYO Football League.
- The CYO Football Championship games were played at the Roncalli High School stadium on November 2, 2000.

FALL KICKBALL
- The Fall program continued to grow in 2000 as 173 teams competed compared to 165 teams in the Fall of 1999.
- Competition was held in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet B and Cadet A Leagues.
- The growth in the program continued to cause a few problems which had to be overcome. Namely, diamond availability at the parishes and finding an adequate number of umpires for the program.
- Despite recruiting several new umpires, the CYO Kickball Umpires Association experienced a shortfall. Kickball is such a unique sport within the Catholic community, it is always difficult to find and train new umpires.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
- The CYO high school volleyball program continued in 2000 with nine girls team entered.
- For the first time in four years, there were not enough boys teams available to conduct a boys high school league.

CROSS COUNTRY
- Cross Country is the newest sport added to the CYO athletic calendar becoming an official CYO event in 1999.
- The program is available to boys and girls in grades six through eight.
- The number of teams participating in the 2000 CYO Cross Country Program grew to fourteen, up from nine in 1999.
- The number of participants grew to 308 in 2000, up from 200 in 1999.
- The program offered three regular season meets and a city wide meet.
- The CYO City Cross Country meet was held at Southeastway Park under the direction of Andy Niewedde, the Roncalli High School Cross Country Coach.

2000 FALL ACTIVITIES

CHESS
- The fourth season for the CYO Chess program was conducted in 2000.
- Competition was divided into three separate age groups: 3rd grade and under, 6th grade and under and 8th grade and under.
- Five schools entered 17 teams into the league with 68 boys and girls participating.
- The league features academic competition among schools and is based on team play with each team consisting of four players.
- The program featured a five week regular season and a postseason tournament held at the CYO Center gymnasium on November 18, 2000.

GOLF OUTING
- The 8th Annual CYO Golf Outing was held Thursday, September 14, 2000 at the Links Golf Club in New Palestine.
- 140 golfers and 65 hole sponsors participated in the outing.
- In 1999, 128 golfers and 55 hole sponsors participated.
- Ed Sahm was the chairman for this event and was assisted by Matt Cohoat and Tom McNulty.
- The event raised over $19,000 for the CYO.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
- The 2000 CYO Girls Basketball Program tipped off Saturday, October 14.
- The program continued to grow in 2000 with 223 teams and approximately 2000 girls participating. By comparison, 217 teams participated in 1999.
- The program featured competition in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet C, Cadet B and Cadet A leagues.
- In 1996, only 98 girls basketball teams participated in the CYO league. In this ten year period the program has grown by 125 teams.
BOYS BASKETBALL
- The boys basketball program continued to grow in 2000 with 377 teams entered into the program. 369 teams participated in 1999.
- 4,400 boys and 815 coaches participated in the program.
- The program featured competition in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet C. Cadet A. Freshman-Sophomore, Junior-Senior and Girls High School.
- During regular season and postseason tournament play, over 4,000 games were played throughout central Indiana.
- The CYO grade school Archdiocesan championship and the Junior-Senior League championship games were played at Secina Memorial High School.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
- 252 girls volleyball teams participated in the 2000 program.
- Over 2,000 girls participated in the program.
- Competition was conducted in 4th grade, 56C, 56B, 56A, Cadet C, Cadet B and Cadet A leagues.

WRESTLING
- 14 teams were entered into the 2001 wrestling program with over 300 boys participating.
- Competition was held in 18 different weight classes beginning with 65 pounds and continuing up to 275 pounds.
- CYO competition is conducted in grades five through eight, however, many other boys in grades one through four participated in exhibition matches for their schools.
- The regular season consisted of seven regular season matches and one invitational tournament for each team.
- The season ending city tournament was hosted by Cardinal Ritter High School.

MUSIC CONTEST
- Over 900 young people were entered into the 43rd Annual CYO Music Contest.
- This event is the only music contest in the area other than the Indiana State Music Association.
- Many students were entered into the contest through private music teachers and public schools.
- The contest was hosted by Bishop Chatard High School for the 27 consecutive year.
- Competition was held in piano, vocal and instrumental divisions.
- An honors music recital for the most outstanding participants was held at the Welcome Center at the Indianapolis Children's Museum.

SCIENCE FAIR
- 24 schools from throughout the Indianapolis Archdiocese sent over 150 students to participate in the 2001 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 grade competition.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
- 12 high school co-ed volleyball teams were entered into the 2001 co-ed volleyball tournament.
- 135 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 participated in the 2001 baseball program with nearly 300 boys playing.
- The weather cooperated this year as very few games had to be rescheduled due to rain. The baseball program was completed before the end of the school year.
- A new substitution/playing time rule was implemented this season whereby all players present for a game were continually in the batting line-up, even if they were not in the game in a defensive position. All players had to play at least two innings in the field. The coaches and players liked the rule change.
- The baseball playoffs were played at the CYO Monsignor Downey baseball facility, Bishop Chatard High School and the Cathedral High School baseball facility.

SPRING KICKBALL
- 104 teams participated in the 2001 Spring Kickball program with over 1,200 girls playing.
- Because there are more CYO spring athletic programs, fewer teams participate in the Spring Kickball program.
- A new substitution/playing time rule, similar to baseball, was implemented this season. All players present for a game were continually in the kicking line-up, even if they were not in the game in a defensive position. All players had to play at least two innings in the field.

SOCCER
- 50 teams participated in the 2001 soccer program with almost 1,000 boys and girls playing.
- There were 24 Cadet level and 26 56 level teams.
- The CYO Soccer Program is co-ed for both leagues.
- The soccer league championship games were played at St. Matthew.

TRACK
- 27 teams participated in the 2001 CYO Track Program with over 1,000 boys and girls participating. That represents an increase of four teams over 2000.
- CYO Track participants are placed in three distinct classes based on age, height and weight.
- The track season consists of three dual meets and a city-wide meet to conclude the season.
- Track team members participate 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
- The CYO Spring Bingo Night Fundraiser was held March 24, 2001 at the Central Catholic gymnasium.
- The event was well attended with 425 people participating.
- The evening featured dinner, bingo and many cash and prize giveaways.
- Thanks to Ed Sahn, Karen Corsaro, Tom McNulty and John Guy for donating the food and drinks for the event.
- The Spring Bingo Night event was chaired by Paula Schaefer and raised $14,500 for the CYO.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY
- The 2001 CYO Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.
- The Very Reverend Joseph F. Schaefer, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis presided at the ceremony.
- The Ceremony featured the presentation of the Spirit of Youth Awards, Monsignor Albert Busald Awards and St. John Bosco Medals.
- Spirit of Youth Awards were presented to 15 young people.
- Monsignor Albert Busald Awards were presented to 23 adult volunteers.
- St. John Bosco Medals were presented to 9 adult volunteers.
CYO CAMP

• The 2001 CYO Summer Camp Program had 1,882 campers participate in the 10 week camping season.
• The Summer Camping season began June 10, 2001 and concluded August 3, 2001.
• The Summer Camping program was completely sold out by mid March and due to the high demand for the program, several hundred campers had to be placed on a waiting list.
• Several hundred children participated in CYO Camping programs on CYO Camperships.
• Campers were able to choose from five different camping programs including:
  - Traditional Camp
  - Adventure Camp
  - Counselor-In-Training

• Summer Camp activities included:
  - Swimming
  - Archery
  - Canoeing
  - Games
  - Campfires
  - Sports
  - Hiking
  - High Rope Challenge
  - Drama
  - Scripture
  - Low Rope Challenge
  - Climbing Tower
  - Ranchlife
  - Camp-out
  - Go-kart
  - Mass
  - Gold Rush

• CYO Camp Rancho Framasa provides inclusive programming for campers of all abilities and benefits campers with special needs. Almost 100 inclusion campers attended camp in 2001.

• Construction of a new 13,700 sq. ft. dining hall was completed in August, 2001 and replaced the old dining hall which was too small for current camper populations. The new facility includes dining space for 250 with a fireplace, a service kitchen, a finished walk-out basement and three meeting rooms to accommodate a variety of groups.

• The dining hall was made possible through the support of the Indianapolis Archdiocese's Legacy of Hope Campaign, the Indianapolis Foundation and Lilly Endowment. Additional proceeds from the sale of CYO Camp Christina were used to support this project. No private donations were used to fund the building of the dining hall.

• The dining hall was the first step in a strategic plan to turn Camp Rancho Framasa into a year-round facility.

• In December 2001, construction began on three new cabins which will accommodate approximately 80 campers. The cabins will be completed in time for the 2002 Camping season. The existing cabins will be remodeled to make them more modern, comfortable and accommodating for the campers.

• A 300 seat amphitheater was built and dedicated in 2001. The amphitheater which was built on a hillside and surrounded by towering pine trees was built as a service project by the Indiana National Guard. Thanks to Bob Heidenreich, his Indiana National Guard Unit built the amphitheater and CYO paid for the needed supplies.

2001 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

• The development of an outdoor education curriculum was begun in 2001. Once developed, the curriculum will be a large component of a large component of a year-round program which will involve the Catholic grade schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

• The American Camping Association evaluated CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in 2001 and accredited the facility with very high marks. Out of 300 extensive standards, Rancho Framasa was lacking in only two of the standards. This high mark places CYO Camp above the majority of camps across the country.

HIGH SCHOOL CO-ED SOFTBALL

• Four parishes and almost 100 high school age youth participated in the 2001 Summer Softball Program.

• The program was changed in 2001 from a season consisting of five regular season games to a double-elimination tournament on two weekends during the Summer. The four participating parishes entered teams in both double-elimination tournaments.

• Incoming freshman and graduating seniors were eligible for the softball program and participated together.

• Both tournament were played at the Monsignor Downey softball field.

CASH RAFFLE

• The 27th Annual Cash Raffle was held at the Primo South Banquet facility on June 13, 2001.

• 241 tickets were sold to the raffle and dinner which raised $6,348.00 for the CYO.

• Suzanne Wells was the winner of the $15,000 grand prize.

• For the 27th consecutive year, Phil Wilhem and Bob Cook were Co-chairman for this event.

CYO ARCHDIOCESAN KINGS ISLAND DAY

• The CYO has sponsored the Archdiocesan-wide Kings Island Day since 1979.

• In 2001, almost 1,200 youth and adults participated in the 22nd annual event.

• Due to the volume of tickets sold, groups enjoyed a 40% savings from the Kings Island general admission price.

• Kings Island is the largest theme and water park in the midwest.
FOOTBALL
Roncalli High School Stadium
Saturday, September 9, 2000
Teams: 25 Participants: 1,250
Final Score: South 35, North 31
2000 CYO FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 25 Participants: 750
League Champion: St. Simon 9
League Runner-Up: St. Plus P
Division #1 Champion: St. Simon 9
Division #2 Champion: St. Plus P
Division #3 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #4 Champion: St. Mary

2000 CADET FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 25 Participants: 500
League Champion: St. Bernabes
League Runner-Up: Nativity
Division #1 Champion: St. Matthew
Division #2 Champion: Nativity
Division #3 Champion: St. Malachy

CROSS COUNTRY
56 GIRLS TEAM RESULTS
1st: Inmaculata Host
2nd: St. Malachy
3rd: Christ the King
4th: St. Jude

56 BOYS TEAM RESULTS
1st: Inmaculata Host
2nd: Christ the King
3rd: Holy Spirit
4th: St. Bernabes

CADET GIRLS TEAM RESULTS
1st: Christ the King
2nd: St. Simons
3rd: Immaculate Heart

CADET BOYS TEAM RESULTS
1st: Christ the King
2nd: Immaculate Heart
3rd: Holy Spirit
4th: St. Plus

56 GIRLS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
1st: Celie Seyer (Immaculata Heart)
2nd: Maggie Capell, Christ the King
3rd: Ellick Moon, OL Greenwood
4th: Amy Davis, Immaculate Heart

56 BOYS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
1st: Blake Weerimmer, Immaculate Heart
2nd: Chip Shields, Immaculate Heart
3rd: Tyler Lee, Immaculate Heart
4th: Patrick McCormick, St. Bernabes

CADET GIRLS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
1st: Stephanie Green, OL Greenwood
2nd: Kate Dominguez, Christ the King
3rd: Allie Tagger, Immaculate Heart
5th: Whitney Popp, Christ the King

CADET BOYS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
1st: Justin Mason, Christ the King
2nd: Bath Ball, Immaculate Heart
3rd: Sean Cappel, Christ the King
4th: Jimmy Hedges, Holy Spirit

KICKBALL – FALL
2000 CADET KICKBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 25 Participants: 300
League Champion: Holy Name
League Runner-Up: St. Bernabes
Division #1 Champion: Mount Carmel
Division #2 Champion: Mount Carmel
Division #3 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #4 Champion: Holy Name
Division #5 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #6 Champion: Holy Name
Division #7 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #8 Champion: Holy Name
Division #9 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #10 Champion: Holy Name
Division #11 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #12 Champion: Holy Name
Division #13 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #14 Champion: Holy Name
Division #15 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #16 Champion: Holy Name
Division #17 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #18 Champion: Holy Name
Division #19 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #20 Champion: Holy Name
Division #21 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #22 Champion: Holy Name
Division #23 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #24 Champion: Holy Name
Division #25 Champion: Holy Spirit

2000 CYO ACTIVITIES REPORT
League Runner-Up: St. Morris
Division #1 Champion: Mount Carmel G
Division #2 Champion: St. Monica
Division #3 Champion: St. Thomas
Division #4 Champion: St. Plus P

2000 CYO B C BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 13 Participants: 150
League Champion: St. Plus P
League Runner-Up: St. Plus G
Division #1 Champion: St. Plus P
Division #2 Champion: St. Plus G

2000 CYA KICKBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 35 Participants: 350
League Champion: Mount Carmel
League Runner-Up: St. Jude
Division #1 Champion: Mount Carmel
Division #2 Champion: St. Jude
Division #3 Champion: Holy Spirit
Division #4 Champion: Nativity
Division #5 Champion: St. Bernabes

2000 CADET KICKBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 35 Participants: 350
League Champion: St. Michael
League Runner-Up: Mount Carmel
Division #1 Champion: Mount Carmel
Division #2 Champion: St. Simon
Division #3 Champion: St. Jude
Division #4 Champion: St. Christopher
Division #5 Champion: St. Susanne

2000 SIB GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 40 Participants: 375
League Champion: Holy Name
League Runner-Up: St. Plus
Division #1 Champion: St. Plus P
Division #2 Champion: St. Luke G
Division #3 Champion: Holy Name
Division #4 Champion: St. Thomas
Division #5 Champion: St. Malachy

2000 SBC GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 25 Participants: 175
League Champion: OL Greenwood
League Runner-Up: St. Luke
Division #1 Champion: St. Luke
Division #2 Champion: OL Greenwood
Division #3 Champion: OL Lourdes
Wild Card Team: St. Plus P

2000 GRADE NATIONAL GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 25 Participants: 300
League Champion: St. Mark B
League Runner-Up: St. Maria Guadalupe
Division #1 Champion: St. Maria Guadalupe
Division #2 Champion: Immaculate Heart
Division #3 Champion: St. Mark B

2000 GRADE AMERICAN GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Teams: 25 Participants: 250
League Champion: St. Bernabes M
League Runner-Up: St. Plus P
Division #1 Champion: St. plus P
Division #2 Champion: Mount Carmel
Division #3 Champion: St. Bernabes M
Wild Card Team: St. Luke B

2000 ST. MATTHEW CADET A GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Tournament Champion: St. Bernabes
Tournament Runner-Up: Christ the King
Tournament Runner-Up: St. Jude and Mount Carmel

2000 COL LOURDES CADET B GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Tournament Champion: Mount Carmel G
Tournament Runner-Up: OL Greenwood
Semi-Finalist: St. Plus P and St. Luke B

2000 IMMACULATE HEART CADET C GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Tournament Champion: St. Luke
Tournament Runner-Up: St. Plus P
Semi-Finalist: St. Plus P and OL Greenwood
2000-2001 CYO Activities Report

Summary Financial Information
Results of Program Operations – Year ending June 30, 2001

REVENUE:
- Contributions: $235,163
- Archdiocesan Support: $104,148
- United Way Support: $27,803
- Special Events: $71,049
- Program Service Fees - Athletic & Cultural: $468,800
- Program Service Fees - Camp: $487,955
- Endowments, Grants & Other Income: $51,172

Total Revenue: $1,446,290

Contributions 16%
Archdiocesan Support 7%
United Way 27%
Athletic & Cultural Fees 32%
Endowments, Grants & Other 4%

EXPENSES:
- Athletic & Cultural Programs: $633,463
- Camping Program: $667,771
- Management & General: $93,032
- Fund-Raising: $56,307

Total Expenses: $1,446,573

Fund-Raising 47%
Management & General 6%
Athletic/Cultural Program 48%

Camping Program 46%

Change in Net Assets $ (283)
Thank You To Our Friends and Financial Supporters through December 2001

The Catholic Youth Organization wishes to thank the following individuals, businesses and corporations for their generous support of CYO program and activities. We are pleased to add these names to the honor roll of CYO Donors.

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