Catholic Youth Organization

2007-2008 Annual Report

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More Than a MEMORY
Thank you, members of the CYO Family, for your remarkable generosity in 2008. The 50-year milestone of this organization is reflected in the impressive Mount Rushmore of donors in this year’s annual report. In addition to normal, customary support, added from our foundation reserves, we asked many of you to participate in our effort to raise $4.5 million to improve the facilities of CYO Camp Rancocas. Because of your love and commitment to CYO, I am pleased to inform you that we exceeded our goal.

Success, though, is also being able to find our growing numbers to secure the future of this organization. I am very pleased to report that our endowment accounts are approaching $400,000 because of the generosity of institutions and companies in our community. We are fully committed to building this total to $1 million before our 50th birthday. You may ask yourself the significance of that date. The CYO will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year, and I’ve thought of no better present from all of us today than to purchase a secure future for the CYO through a strong endowment program. Allow all of us to invest in our church’s future.

In the past year we have seen some very nice improvements to the CYO website which have allowed for online registration of participants, better and faster communications opportunities with parents and counselor contact and improved conference registration. The long lines of children to the CYO website are a regular basis indicator of its popularity.

The CYO has also benefited again this year from the willingness of others to donate their time and talents. Coaches, parents, teachers, priests, and counselors, as well as others, worked to improve the many CYO programs. Many of these great volunteers have come up through the CYO programs and are giving back, as we try to teach others to pass on the Christian values we have been taught.

As always, the CYO residual gratitude and gratitude flows from the members of the CYO Board of Directors. But we also have a parade of excellence at 50 years of the mission of the Catholic Church in CYO programs because of the vision that has been established by our board. The CYO way is not just to keep youth busy, but to guide them to responsible Christian behavior.

I firmly believe that the foundations of the CYO models in the whole who have one of their faith with others. Coaches who share their knowledge and love with young people, business leaders who share their experience and those who share their financial resources make the CYO what it is today. Thank you for your support. And I look forward to seeing a continued growth and better CYO and ultimately a better community for the next 50 years.
The Catholic Youth Organization was established in 1939 by Bishop Joseph E. Ritter to assist parents in providing quality educational programs for children as well as to supplement the education provided by the Catholic schools.

The first official activity sponsored by the CYO was a city-wide spring dance in the Cathedral High School gymnasium with about 1,000 youth in attendance, representing every parish in the city. The first athletic leagues organized were baseball and tennis with steps taken in the early days of the CYO to organize other contests and competitions.

Since this humble beginning, the CYO has grown into one of the largest youth serving agencies in Central Indiana serving 20,000 young people each year. In partnership with the Catholic schools, the CYO continues to sponsor programs which serve to provide youth with Catholic values and opportunities for growth to develop strong moral character, self-worth and a community service orientation through activities of a social, educational, recreational and athletic nature.

The CYO is the sole provider of extracurricular activities for the Catholic schools in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. As such, it is the desire of the CYO to allow children the opportunity to experience real life situations that reinforce attitudes and values taught and model the CYO in the different sports for boys and girls. In addition to providing athletic competition in 14 different sports for youth in grade six through 12, the CYO also sponsors a science fair, music contest, and debate in grades six through 12. The CYO also sponsors a science fair, music contest, and debate in grades six through 12. The CYO also sponsors a science fair, music contest, and debate in grades six through 12.

In 1949, the CYO opened a summer residential camp in Brown County, Indiana, a land given to the CYC by Mr. and Mrs. Kurtis which had been used for the previous year.

Over time, Camp Merry was added and an indoor education and recreation program. The program has recently undergone an extensive renovation, including the construction of a new high school program center, three new cabins, the remodeling of all existing cabins and the construction of new cabins expanding from 15 to 20.

The Catholic Youth Organization has been evolving for many years to what it is today. The CYO continues to be committed to providing a ministry of Christian life helping youth grow in their faith and human potential.

Beginning with the formation of the Catholic Youth Organization in 1939, the CYO has always had dedicated men and women who have given many years of their lives to serve the needs of young people in our community. The people whose names are listed above have been on the CYO staff on a full-time or part-time basis for 28 years or more. As you can see they have given dedicated service to the CYO for many years. In fact, 322 years collectively.

Thank you all for your lifetime of dedication.
For the third year, the CYO Fall Kickball tournament for all leagues added to the excitement and popularity of the programs for boys in grades three through eighth. To accommodate the tournament format, each league was divided in half based on school size. The football leagues were as follows: 4th grade, B and AA, 5th grade, A and AA, 6th grade, AA and AA, 7th grade, A and AA, and 8th grade, AA.

26 teams and 524 players participated in the CYO Fall Kickball league. 44 teams and 550 players participated in the CYO Fall Kickball league. 26 teams and 550 players participated in the CYO Fall Kickball league.

The CYO football championship games were played at St. Joseph's High School Stadium. During championship week 80 semi-final games and 32 championship games were played.

The 15th season for the CYO Fall Kickball program was successful and enjoyable for the 2,500 girls who participated. The program is designed to give high school age girls the opportunity to come together on Sunday afternoons in the fall for a fun and competitive activity.

The 15th Annual CYO Golf outing was held Thursday, September 29, 2009 at the Lakeview Golf Club in New Palestine. The outing featured 150 golfers playing in 30 fouromes.

This year’s 15th Annual Parish Team Golf Championship was introduced with a trophy given to the winning parish. The event raised $8,000 for CYO.

in the 15th season of the CYO Chess Program, 156 parishes hosted 859 teams with 1,166 youth participating. The league was based on team play with each team consisting of four players.

The program featured six regular season matches with a postseason tournament held at the CYO Center gymnasium.

The 20th season of the CYO Chess Program was conducted in 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 11th grade AA and AA and AA leagues. There were 90 teams participating in the season. Chess was 2009 girl’s sport participating in the CYO Fall Kickball program. The sport continues to be one of the most popular and traditional activities on the CYO calendar.
Girls Basketball

The CYO girls' basketball program continued to thrive in 2007 with 286 teams entered into the program. In 2008, 295 teams participated.

Competition was conducted in 4th grade, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and Cadet A leagues.

Almost 2,000 girls participated in the CYO girls' basketball program.

Boys Basketball

432 basketball teams were entered into the 2007-2008 boys basketball program.

458 teams were entered into the 2006-2007 season. Over 3,300 boys and 3,900 coaches participated in the program.

Competition was held in 4th grade, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, Cadet C, Cadet B, Cadet A, Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior-Junior, and Cadet High School leagues.

The grade school Archdiocesan championship game was played at St. Edmund Preparatory School on January 29, 2008.

Wrestling

The boys wrestling program continued to be strong with 15 teams entered into the 2008 season. 15 teams participated in 2007 as well.

309 boys participated in the 2008 wrestling program.

Competition was held in 18 different weight classes beginning with 65 pounds and continuing up to 275 pounds.

The season-ending City Tournament was hosted by Cardinal Ritter High School where 15 individual weight class winners were determined.

Science Fair

18 schools and 113 students from throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis participated in the 2008 CYO Science Fair held at the CYO Center Gymnasium.

Participants in the science fair were winners of the many grade school science fairs held within the Archdiocese.

Awards were given to the outstanding presenters in the 7th and 8th grades.

Music Contest

The 5th Annual CYO Archdiocesan Music Contest was held at wines Oxford High School for the 9th consecutive year. Almost 300 students from throughout the Archdiocese participated in this one day event.

The CYO Music Contest is the only music competition in the area other than the Indiana State Music Association contest. Many students were entered into the contest through private music teachers and public schools with over 20% of the students coming from outside the Catholic school system. Students are encouraged to participate in vocal, instrumental, and/or piano categories. There are also small, medium, and large ensemble options.
The CYC Spring Bingo Night fundraiser was held Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the Northlake Knights of Columbus. Previously, the event was held at the Central Catholic Student Center and was moved to accommodate a larger crowd.

The event raised $19,000 for the CYC.

The event was well attended with almost 300 people participating.

The evening featured dinner, Bingo, and many raffle and prize giveaways.

All of the Catholic high schools in the Indianapolis metropolitan area donated school spirit swag which were raffled off.

Program Summary

volunteer awards

The 2008 CYC Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Honorable Joseph Scherer, Vicar General of the Archdiocese presented the awards.

The ceremony honored the contribution of the Spirit of Youth Award, St. John Bosco Awards and the St. John Bosco Medals.

Nine of Youth Awards were presented to 24 high school age youth for excellence in their parish and community.

Volunteer of the Year Awards were presented to 24 adult volunteers.

St. John Bosco Medals were presented to 9 volunteers for their long term and dedicated service to youth.
The first CYO Midsummer Fest was held Friday, July 13, 2007 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. There was food, live music, entertainment, and other fun activities. The event was sponsored by the Indiana State Fair and the Indiana Knights of Columbus.

The second CYO Midsummer Fest was held Friday, July 12, 2008 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. There was food, live music, entertainment, and other fun activities. The event was sponsored by the Indiana State Fair and the Indiana Knights of Columbus.

This year's CYO Midsummer Fest was held Friday, July 11, 2009 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. There was food, live music, entertainment, and other fun activities. The event was sponsored by the Indiana State Fair and the Indiana Knights of Columbus.

This year's CYO Midsummer Fest was held Friday, July 10, 2010 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. There was food, live music, entertainment, and other fun activities. The event was sponsored by the Indiana State Fair and the Indiana Knights of Columbus.

The 2007-2008 Summer Program Summary for the CYO Youth Organization was held Friday, July 11, 2007 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The event was sponsored by the Indiana State Fair and the Indiana Knights of Columbus.

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The Sahm-Kuntz Legacy Fund

The Sahm-Kuntz Legacy Fund was established in 2005 as a way for the CYO to join forces with corporate partners in the community in an attempt to bring people from diverse backgrounds together to inspire and educate young people about the qualities and characteristics that drive them to become self-confident leaders and loving and caring individuals.

CYO Corporate Partners make an annual gift to the Catholic Youth Organization in the amount of $1,100. Half of the gift or $750 is used for yearly operating expenses and the other $500 is placed in an endowment to support the future needs of the organization. A corporate partnership with the CYO clearly supports the youth of today and tomorrow in a meaningful way.

The Catholic Youth Organization was established in 1969 by Bishop Joseph E. Ritter to assist parishes in providing quality educational programs for their children as well as to supplement the education provided by the Catholic schools. Today, the number of young people participating in the CYO athletic, cultural and camping programs continues to increase with 20,000 Catholic students participating this year.

A large part of the success of the CYO can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of two very special men - Bill Sahm and Bill Kuntz. Bill Sahm served as the executive director of the CYO from 1964 to 1978. Following his death, Bill Kuntz was appointed CYO executive director, a position he would hold until his death in 1984. During their tenures, these two great men were responsible for the rapid growth in programming for the CYO as well as the tremendous impact the organization has had on the lives of countless young people.

It is truly fitting that the CYO corporate sponsorship programs is named the Sahm-Kuntz Legacy Fund after these two fine gentlemen. The collective impact of their service is deeply felt yesterday, today and tomorrow.

For more information on how you and your company can become a CYO Corporate Partner and join the list of corporate partners listed on the next page through the Sahm-Kuntz Legacy Fund, please contact Edward J. Tindel, CYO Executive Director at (317) 632-9311 or etindel@cyoarchindy.org.
In 1991, the CYO board of directors began to study the long-term feasibility of the facilities at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa. In fact, six different assessments were completed from 1991 to 2001 when a master plan for Camp Rancho Framasa was developed as a result of the studies.

The development plan was separated into three phases:

Phase I - The research and development, 1991-1996.

Phase II - Creating a year-round camping program, 1997-2005.

Phase III - Addressing safety and overcrowding issues began in 2007.

During Phase I a conference center/dining hall and three new cabins were built, the camp pool was reconstructed and the existing cabins and other buildings were renovated at a cost of $2,579,500.

In Phase II, the final phase of the master plan created in 2001, the following projects will be completed at a project cost of $1,829,368:

A. Building a welcome center with administrative offices, which will make it possible to restore the current camp office back to its intended purpose of staff housing.

B. Building a new maintenance facility on a remote area of camp. The current maintenance building is located on the heart of camp property and is close to where campers play.

C. Expanding the adventure course and converting the current maintenance building into an environmental learning lab.

D. Renovating the campfire circle.

Meeting these needs would alleviate concerns regarding camper safety, inefficient use of resources and negate problems that have surfaced due to the rapid growth of the school year programs. Making these improvements will not only allow for a safer environment, but also enable a more effective delivery of programs to serve an increasingly diverse camper population.

CYO Camp Rancho Framasa is truly an essential component in the lives of the youth in our community. Nearly 2,500 children attend summer camp each year and 578 elementary and high schools from throughout the Archdiocese attend outdoor education, leadership and retreat programs throughout the school year.

So, you can see how vitally important CYO Camp Rancho Framasa is to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in regards to serving the needs of our young people. There is no other resource in the Archdiocese like Camp Rancho Framasa and the CYO is proud and blessed to make the facility available to everyone who wants to experience the beauty of nature and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Camp Rancho Framasa Staff

Kevin J. Sullivan
Director of Camp Development
Angi Sullivan
Director of Camp Development
Andy Miller
Asst. Camp Director
Mary Beth O'Brien
Asst. Camp Director
Ruth Volls
Camp Manager
Steve Connoughton
Program Director
Melody McConnell
School Year Program Coordinator
Shelle Hertz
Registrar
Chris Bryan
Asst. Facility Manager
Dan Bryan
Asst. Facility Manager
Revenue:

- United Way Support: $44,994
- Contributions: $280,761
- Archdiocesan Support: $58,149
- Special Events: $43,296
- Program Service Fees - Athletic & Cultural: $219,905
- Program Service Fees - Camp Rambo Francisco: $205,239
- Endowments, Grants, & Other Income: $429,874
- Total Revenue: $2,615,976

Expenses:

- Athletic & Cultural Programs: $962,002
- Camping Program: $1,094,339
- Management & General: $296,382
- Fund-Raising: $95,348
- Total Expenses: $2,405,881

Change in Net Assets: $210,625

NOTE: Depreciation expense totaled $125,025 for the year.
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Carolyn A. Granger, 2004
James C. Kapaun, 1999
Deborah L. F., 1995
Richard C. Beswick, 1993
Phyllis A. W., 1992
Henry M. Davis, 1991
Richard B. Wolfer, 1991

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