

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Johnson County and Wyandotte County Athletics

The CYO dates back to 1940 when Monsignor Koch appointed Irwin McCurdy to administer the sports programs. During the war years, 1942 through 1945, the CYO Sports Programs were somewhat non-existent. Reverend Andrew Knat was appointed the CYO Director in 1946. Tom Dorney, coach and teacher at Bishop Ward High School, was appointed as full-time Athletic Director for the CYO. Tom Dorney, with the help of several advisors, administered the CYO Programs for 28 years. Tom Dorney retired in August 1974.

Reverend Tom Tank, Archdiocesan Youth Director, established the CYO Executive Board in 1974. The purpose of the CYO Executive Board is to provide CYO athletic activities for the youth of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties conducted according to the norms of Christian Sportsmanship. Dave Nick is the Executive / Athletic Director of the CYO.