

Play Like A Champion Today™ Sports As Ministry Initiative



Dear CYO Parents,

This year the CYO of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties is partnering with the Play Like A Champion Today™ (PLC) Sports as Ministry initiative developed by the Institute for Educational Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame. Play Like A Champion Today™ is a national coach and parent education program designed specifically for Catholic youth sport programs.

Play Like A Champion Today™ incorporates all the stakeholders in Catholic education – athletic administrators, coaches, parents and athletes. The goal is for all members of a school community to work together to make CYO sports in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas the spiritual and character-building experience that it is meant to be. The bottom line: athletes receiving the benefits of the best that Catholic sports have to offer.

CYO coaches attend a PLC coaching clinic prior to the season. To complete the comprehensive approach, PLC provides Parent Like A Champion Today™ workshops for parents of youth athletes that focus on appropriate roles and responsibilities for parents. The workshop includes an examination of parent expectations in sports programs. Parents receive resources that will help them contribute to building the positive culture that is the focus of the PLC program. Parents also receive practical guidance on how they can help their children to form habits of perseverance, sound decision-making, teamwork, good nutrition, and regular exercise.

Parents are required to attend one of these workshops prior to their children being eligible to participate in CYO each year. The Parent Like A Champion Today™ workshop will be held on the following dates for the fall 2011 seasons:

- Monday, August 15th at St. James Academy – 7:00pm
- Wednesday, August 17th at Bishop Ward High School – 7:00pm
- Saturday, August 20th at St. Thomas Aquinas High School – 1:00pm
- Sunday, August 21st at Bishop Miege High School – 1:00pm

More workshops will be scheduled prior to winter and spring sport seasons. We look forward to seeing all parents at these workshops, please feel free to call the CYO Office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter J Piscitello, Executive Director
CYO of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties