



# CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Diocese of Rochester

## A Prayer to See God in Youth Sports

*We pray for young athletes...*

Who, through sports, develop important values such as loyalty, perseverance, friendship and sharing.

*We pray for coaches...*

Who appreciate the gifts of all players and have respect for the game, who place players before winning and value sportsmanship.

*We pray for parents...*

Who love their children for who they are, not for how they perform.

*We pray for officials...*

Who inspire fair play and protect the integrity of the game and players.

*O God, we pray for all who participate in games:*

May their hearts be open to see your presence in and through sports;

May their minds remember the element of fun reflective of your spirit;

May their bodies reflect the gracefulness and wonder of your creation.

Let all who play the games be enriched by your presence in the gym, locker room and on the court.

*-Amen*

*-Ed Hastings*

## Prayer at *CYO* Athletic Event

Lord God, we thank you for bringing us together today and ask that you watch over and guide us:

*Bless the athletes-* help them to learn and use their talents to the fullest and remain injury-free.

*Bless the coaches -* help them to teach these young athletes the game and about being good Christians.

*Bless the officials -* help them to do their best to enforce the rules and remain fair at all times.

*And bless the spectators-* help them to be considerate of all players, all coaches, all officials and one another.

Thank you for giving all of us the opportunity to put our faith into action today. -AMEN

## Pre-Game Prayer

Gracious God,

We thank you for this time together,

For these two teams,

For the health to be here,

For the thrill of a sporting event,

For individuals learning to play as a team, For minds and bodies prepared by practice to play an excellent game.

Grant each team the grace to play their best, To exercise good sportsmanship and fair play And to realize that win, lose or tie,

We are all children of the same God. -Amen.

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