



As we begin the winter CYO sport season, it is my hope that we will enjoy a full season of play. In order to accomplish that we must be mindful that the health, safety and integrity of our Parish School and Religious Education Program hold the place of primacy in my decision making.

Our parish remains in contact with the Diocesan CYO Office, our County Health Department and our parish medical advisors in order to make the best decisions possible for the young people participating in athletics and our children in the Parish School and Religious Education Program regarding health and safety. In order to keep the integrity of our educational programs, we must be vigilant in following the Best Practices set by the CYO Office. We know that the number of young people in our region having to quarantine this fall was primarily from athletic participation.

Among the best practices recommended by the CYO Office for basketball includes that athletes play on their CYO basketball teams only and not expand their circle of athletes to other teams. Saint Joseph Parish is asking parents to seriously consider this recommendation.

I hope and pray that our season is COVID-19 free but if we choose to abandon our best practices and bring the virus into our Parish School or Religious Education Program, we will need to reconsider our athletic offerings.

Please pray with me that we all will be safe and healthy and that our world will be free from this virus pandemic.

In the Spirit of Saint Joseph,



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