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**CATHOLIC YOUTH
ORGANIZATION
(CYO)**

**ST. IGNATIUS
CYO LIONS**

“Sport is a human activity of great value, able to enrich people's lives. As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, she is working in the world of sport to bring the joy of the Gospel, the inclusive and unconditional love of God for all human beings.”

Pope Francis "Sport at the Service of Humanity," 2016

CALLED TO SERVE OTHERS

CYO TEAMS AS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

CYO teams are more than sports teams but are Christian communities of young people and part of the youth ministries in their Catholic schools and parishes. As Christian communities, CYO teams are called to be of service to each other and to others!

The CYO Points of Emphasis: "Spirituality, Service, and Sportsmanship" are calls to serve God and each other. CYO teams are asked to commit each season to a service project for their Catholic school, parish or local community.

CYO CODE OF CONDUCT

The Oakland Diocese CYO is a church-sponsored athletic program for elementary and junior high age youth from the parishes of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland.

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), through the vehicle of sports, provides youth with an opportunity to practice Christian attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout the diocese. CYO activities should be examples of the meaning of Christian sportsmanship. The guiding principle behind the enforcement of this code is that the behavior of everyone involved in CYO should not detract from the children's! enjoyment of the sport.

For more information about the CYO program at St. Ignatius of Antioch, <http://st-ignatius-of-antioch-cyo.sportsngin.com> or contact Brenda Ruffin 510-812-6670