



## ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELIZATION

DIVISION OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

August 6, 2014

Dear Parish/School CYO Coordinator,

My name is Margaret Brogden and I am the Archdiocesan liaison for the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). My primary responsibility is to promote CYO throughout the archdiocese, provide formation for coaches, ensure compliance with archdiocesan child protection procedures and handle any major personnel issues.

The purpose of Catholic Youth Organization in the Archdiocese of Baltimore is *“to empower athletic leaders to animate Gospel values in Catholic youth sports and encourage young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.”* Our goal is not so much to teach the players how to win a game as it is to teach them how to win in life.

As the CYO soccer coordinator you are my primary contact for issues pertaining to your leagues. This would include verification of coaches training and assistance with any major issues that may be brought to my attention by the Soccer Chairperson, Larry Triplett, a coach or parent.

As you already know, all coaches must receive the archdiocesan training on the protection of children and youth. Each coach should have a completed Volunteer Criminal Screening consent form (which includes three references) on file with your parish or school screening coordinator. In addition, coaches are required to successfully complete a three hour coaches training, either on line or in person. First year coaches are given a year to comply with this requirement, with one exception – if a first year coach is the only coach for his or her team, then he or she must complete coaches training as soon as possible. I have included in this mailing the 2014 Coaches Verification Form. ***Please complete this form and send it back to me by September 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

**If you submitted the 2013 verification form and none of your coaches have changed you do not need to resubmit the same information. Instead, please check the appropriate box on the form and send it in. If you submitted the 2013 verification form and have made a few changes to your coaches roster, you need only submit the new coaches information.**

I am grateful for all that you are doing as the soccer coordinator. If I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 410-547-5372 or [mbrogden@archbalt.org](mailto:mbrogden@archbalt.org).

Sincerely,

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