

## St. Louis CYO Coach of the Year Award

The CYO Leadership Council has instituted a Coach of the Year Award. This award will be given out each year to a coach who best exemplifies the “Virtuous Excellence” that is the motto of our CYO athletic program at St. Louis. Nominations will be received from parents and students, and the selection committee will be comprised of Father O’Hare, John Bednarek, Marianne Olson and Jose Quiroz, none of whom will be allowed to nominate anyone for this award.

Please send a short narrative to John Bednarek at [cyodirector@saintlouisparish.org](mailto:cyodirector@saintlouisparish.org) by April 19, 2019. The narrative should address why your nominee exemplifies the qualities listed below. All nominees will be recognized and the winner will be announced on May 19<sup>th</sup>, at our end of the year CYO celebration.

The St. Louis CYO Coach of the year is someone who:

- Models Catholic values to team members and their families both on and off the field-of-play;
- Supports, and prioritizes above all, the personal development and self-esteem of the children s/he coaches;
- Focuses on each child and the team performing to their best ability, regardless of outcome of any games or competitions – reinforces that winning is not the only end goal and indeed, that winning comes in many forms not reflected simply by a scoreboard or scoresheet;
- Provides excellent guidance on the skills and strategy of the sport s/he coaches;
- Prioritizes sportsmanship at all times – in victory and defeat;
- Makes each child feel like an integral part of the team;
- Uses positive feedback and motivation to guide his/her team;
- When any sort of discipline or corrective action is needed, s/he does so appropriately;
- Handles adversity and/or conflict effectively;
- Longevity of exceptional service in our CYO program will also be considered.