

## **Will the new “Mater Dei CYO” be run through Mater Dei Catholic School?**

No, it is an external merger of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose of Lima and St. Stanislaus CYO programs. However, we chose to use the name “Mater Dei” (Mother of God) because it is one already recognized in the community. Both the Mater Dei CYO and Mater Dei Catholic School benefit from the use of the name.

## **Who is eligible to participate in “Mater Dei CYO”?**

The CYO program is open to all registered Public and Catholic school students from our three parishes. Every child is vital to the success of our program in all facets of CYO: social, spiritual, service, cultural and athletics.

## **Why do we need to merge?**

- The new merged program will provide a more unified, sustainable, faith-based and appropriately competitive environment for our children and the greater community.
- As we know, sports are unifying. Players who were once opponents will now be teammates and friends, with opportunities to meet new people and make even more friends.
- There will be more faith-based opportunities, as the youth minister from all three parishes will serve on the CYO board and will be identifying service, prayer and ministry opportunities for the greater body of students, parents, and community at large.
- Coming together as a larger group provides more hands to help with coaching, leadership and CYO Board duties. *Many hands make light work!*
- With all three parishes combined, this should generate more teams and/or more opportunities for the children to play at their appropriate developmental level. Our goal is to provide an enjoyable growth experience for our children both athletically and spiritually. CYO is different from travel and rec sports and we must foster these differences.

## **Where will the events be held?**

All current facilities of St. Maria Goretti, St. Rose of Lima, and St. Stanislaus will continue to be used for athletic practices and games as well as for other faith-based activities and events.

## **Which other teams will we play?**

Mater Dei CYO will continue to play the same teams within Region 20, (Corpus Christi, MMR, OLMC, St Jude, etc.)

## **Who is responsible for administering the new CYO organization?**

- The Mater Dei CYO Governing Board will consist of an equal number of members from each of the three parishes.
- St. Stanislaus will be responsible for all financial and Safe Environment records.
- If interested in becoming a future board member or in future coaching opportunities, please contact your current respective parish CYO President.
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***We will be STRONGER TOGETHER!***

*Thank you for your support! We look forward to the great things to come from this new partnership. We welcome your questions.*