

For God and Youth Award

given in the name and spirit of

Mr. Bill O'Neill

This award is presented annually to a coach or parish athletic director from each region who exemplifies the best attributes of coaching and Catholic teaching to the young athletes of his/her parish or region. The award is recognized nationally as the For God and Youth Award which the Parish Youth Ministry Office presents in honor of Mr. Bill O'Neill. Bill served for many years as the Assistant Athletic Director for the Catholic Youth Organization. His dedication to the involvement of young people in the parish community through athletics is a cornerstone for the wonderful program that we enjoy today. This year the award will be presented at Liturgy to honor Athletes and Coaches on November 6, 2004 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The criteria for this award are as follows:

- The coach recognizes and embraces their role as minister to youth through athletics.
- The coach teaches Gospel values through their words and actions.
- The coach challenges their young people to grow spiritually by involving them in parish religious activities.
- The coach communicates the importance of prayer by making it a part of the practices and games
- The coach teaches servant leadership by involving the team in a parish or community service project.
- The Coach must have attended the CYO coach's orientation program.
- The coach must have been involved with CYO for at least three (3) years as a coach or Athletic Director.
- The coach must be an active and participating member of their faith community.
- A letter of recommendation from the coach's Pastor or priest moderator is required.

Only one coach or Athletic Director per region is eligible to receive this award. Please complete the nomination form (on reverse side) and forward to your Regional Athletic Director. Regional Boards/Directors must submit the nominee to the Parish Youth Ministry Office by June 25, 2004. The nominator will be notified once the nomination is approved. The nominator will be asked to inform the recipient. Additional letters of recommendation may be submitted to assist with the region's discernment process. No nominee will be considered without the letter of recommendation from the Pastor or priest moderator.

For God and Youth Award Nomination Form

Candidate Name: _____

Parish: _____

Region: _____ Number of years in coaching: _____

Teams coached: _____

Nominated by: _____

Telephone#: (day) _____ (evening): _____

Please list all parish or community activities in which the nominee participates:

Please list all of the parish or community service opportunities that the coach has involved his/her team.

As the Pastor/Priest Moderator, I have read the criteria for the CYO Coaches Award for Christian Leadership, and I support the nomination of the candidate listed above. I have submitted a letter of recommendation with this form.

Pastor/Priest Moderator Signature: _____

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We have reviewed the nomination submitted and respectfully submit this candidate for the 2003 Coaches Christian Leadership Award.

Regional Authorized Signature: _____

DEADLINE: June 25, 2004