



CYO 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 2007-2008

Fun Facts

Did you know

- Rev. Tom Tiftt, St. Mary Seminary Rector & President, played on the CYO 1954 Championship Football Team for St. Aloysius.
- The Knights of Columbus sponsored large CYO track meets in Cleveland that brought together the best track and field athletes of the era, including Olympic and World Champions such as Bob Seagren, who set the pole vault world record in 1972 in Cleveland; Frank Shorter, world record holder in the 2 mile run; and Tim Mack, from Cleveland, 2004 Olympic Gold medalist in pole vault.
- Public school children that attended PSR were able to play on CYO teams beginning in the late 1960's.
- Elvis Grbac, professional football player, came out of CYO from St. Agatha.
- Hi-Chair boxing was big in CYO in the 40's and 50's with 6 & 7 year olds.
- Rev. Liam Kitt was known for building CYO sports powerhouses and built gymnasiums in parishes where he was assigned. He later was assigned to Ascension parish where the pastor would not allow him to have a CYO program so he invented the game Rockhit Sockhit – a combination between football & soccer – and built a gymnasium before being transferred.
- Brian Dowling, the starting QB for Harvard, played CYO football at St. Ann's and at St. Ignatius HS. He was the character that the athlete "BD", in the Doonesbury comic strip, is modeled after.
- Jack Corrigan, former broadcaster for the Indians and currently with the Colorado Rockies, played CYO at Our Lady of Angels.
- Mike Hegan, son of Jim Hegan - great Indians catcher for the 1948 Champion Team, played CYO at St. James before going on to play professional baseball for the Oakland A's. Mike is currently an announcer for the Indians.