

# **ST. ANSELM'S YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

## **PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT**

St. Anselm's Youth Activities is a Catholic organization that is run under the supervision and with the permission of St. Anselm's Roman Catholic Church. **Membership in our Programs is open to all children regardless of domicile or religion.**

The intent of the various programs we offer is to enrich our children's lives. We offer a wide and diverse list of activities, which are meant to be a learning experience for all of our children. This experience should teach them the values and beliefs that will prepare them to be good Christian adults.

Our philosophy includes, but is not limited to, the following beliefs:

- Every child shall have the opportunity to play in a fair manner;
- Team effort is more important than individual;
- The value of good sportsmanship is prized over the value of winning;
- Regular and on-time attendance for meetings, practices and games represents a commitment that will follow through for the child's life;
- Each parent, team leader and coach are role models, and as such, they are setting examples for our children to follow;
- Mature behavior is required from all adults in any of our programs.

This year, we will continue the practice of beginning all of our activities with a prayer, and each Activity will have a Mass during the year to remind all of us that our Programs are an integral part of the Church and Parish Family and Community. Our organization welcomes all, but if you feel this prayer and/or philosophy is not in line with your beliefs, you should reconsider your decision to register your child in our Programs.

The Prayer used will be similar to the following:

## **PRAYER**

***Dear God, we pause for a moment to give you thanks for the opportunity to participate in this activity. We ask you to bless us with respect for on another and to give us all a spirit of good***

***sportsmanship and fair play. May our actions in this game bring you, Our God, glory and honor now and forever.***