

ST BEDE CYO TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Regarding St. Bede parishioners:

1. All registered (& presumably practicing) Catholic children of St. Bede the Venerable parish are eligible to play for St. Bede the Venerable parish CYO only if they are enrolled AND attending either Catholic parochial or private school or the CCD (PREP) program grades one through eight inclusive. No exceptions will be made for any reason. *Youth ministry does not satisfy this requirement as school and CCD are primarily academic instruction while youth ministry is primarily formational.* Other requirements for eligibility are outlined according to Archdiocesan policy.

Regarding children enrolled in the regional school, we are reminded that CYO & sacraments are primarily a function of the parish not a school; therefore, the following points clarify the eligibility of children enrolled in the regional school, St. Katharine Drexel, sponsored by Assumption BVM & St. Bede the Venerable parishes.

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2. Assumption BVM children are to play exclusively in their own parish CYO teams if they are available, no exceptions.

3. Should Assumption not be able to field a team, said children may play for St. Bede *with the permission of the Assumption's pastor for that specific circumstance only* and the concurrence of St. Bede's pastor or parochial vicar.

A spirit of fraternal collaboration needs to be the rule and we should not be seeking to absorb or take in children from other parishes to the detriment of another parish's CYO program. Again, we support our sister parishes and their priests.

4. St. Vincent de Paul children have a different set of rules:

a. All St. Vincent children are permitted to play St. Bede CYO in all sports where St. Vincent de Paul parish does not field a team.

b. St. Vincent de Paul children who attend St. Katharine Drexel School only are also permitted to play St. Bede CYO in all sports as had been the past practice with the former St. Bede the Venerable School.

c. All St. Vincent de Paul children are permitted to play St. Bede CYO basketball even though St. Vincent fields a team as this has been a past practice inherited from previous pastors.

Unless the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul exercises his right to change this policy we shall respect what was previously done and consider it grandfathered in by custom.