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Dear MMOG-CYO Families,

This past Monday the Diocese of Metuchen and Mary, Mother of God CYO agreed to part ways for the 2008-2009 basketball season. Many efforts were made by the MMOG-CYO Executive Board and myself to try and resolve our differences on inclusion (of non-parishioners in our basketball program) but ultimately the Diocese has drawn a hard line in the sand. Mary, Mother of God was just not willing to compromise on our core values and beliefs. While Diocesan representatives Michael Wojcik (Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry) and Mary Niccarato (Program Director), were both personally impressed with our accomplishments and leadership in regards to our CYO and the CYM, in general, their hands were tied on this issue. While we are obviously very disappointed that the Diocese has taken this new direction, we intend to respect their decision. In the meeting yesterday, the Diocese representatives suggested that we start and facilitate our own league with their best wishes for success.

Our CYO Executive Board immediately began the process of contacting like minded parishes and gauging the amount of support we would have if we did indeed start and facilitate our own league. They have found support from other parishes and so they are moving forward in this regard. There are hurdles and a lot of work to do in a short period of time. It is late in the process but our hope is for a seamless transition.

I support our Executive Boards efforts and their handling of this situation. While it is not always easy holding to your principles, I feel that we are traveling the right road. There will be more information on our progress and an update from Billy Brazill at the Parents Meeting on Sunday night.

Sincerely,

Rev. Sean Broderick
Administrator