

Play Like a Champion Today Educational Series

PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY®

Character Education Through Sports

Play Like a Champion Today provides leadership in an effort to renew the culture of youth sport. It does this by educating ethically responsible sport leaders. These coaches, parents, and athletic administrators in turn will reach millions of young people.

Coaching as Ministry Educational Program

COACH CLINIC

**Saturday,
August 24, 2019
9:00 to Noon**

Saint Paul Seminary
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Cardinals' Great Hall

**RSVP and Questions
to Gary W. Roney**
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Crafted by leaders in the fields of sports psychology, coaching education, Catholic theology, and moral development, Play Like a Champion Today is centered around the principles of justice, tolerance, respect and solidarity. The program is supported by research on character development and faith formation in sports. From its origins at the University of Notre Dame to collaboration across the country, Play Like a Champion is designed to bring the best athlete-centered practices to our Catholic School sports programs.

Play Like a Champion Today deals with tough sport issues and supports parishes by promoting:

- Athletics as Character Building
- Building Teams as Moral Communities
- Champion-Centered Best Coaching Practices
- Faith Formation through Sports
- The Spirituality of Sport
- The GROW Approach to Athlete Motivation
- Sportsmanship
- Responsible Decision-Making
- Strategies for Developing Partnerships between Coaches and Parents



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Play Like a Champion Today

Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches:

This year the Diocese of Pittsburgh will continue its partnership with the *Play Like a Champion Today* educational series. *Play Like a Champion Today* is a national coach and parent education program designed specifically to elevate the culture of Catholic school-sponsored sports. Crafted by leaders in the fields of sport psychology, coaching education, Catholic theology and moral development, *Play Like a Champion* works in partnership with our schools to enable the athletic experience to be a missionary tool to develop our youth physically, socially, morally and spiritually.

The benefits of the clinic include:

- The *Play Like a Champion* workshop is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation for Coaching Education (NCACE)
- Support for coaches to understand their role as ministers of our Church
- An emphasis on the spiritual nature of sport, including faith formation through athletics
- A Comprehensive Coaching for Character Development Manual
- Research-based motivational and team-building strategies
- A comprehensive approach to building character and morality through sport
- Best practices in developing positive relationships with parents
- Community building opportunities with your fellow coaches

The coach clinic will be August 24, 2019 from 9:00am until Noon at St. Paul Seminary. Please arrive by 8:30am. To register, please email sports@diopitt.org by August 22.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Catholic community through your coaching. I am confident that you will have the opportunity to develop your coaching philosophy and have a transformational impact upon the athletes you coach through the *Play Like a Champion Today* approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary W. Roney".

Gary W. Roney, Director of Youth and Young Adult Engagement
Diocesan Athletic Director



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