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To: Reverend Fathers, GOYA Advisors, Coaches, Players and Participants

From: Metropolis Youth Commission

Date: August 20, 2007

RE: RULE CHANGES: Basketball Participation of 12 year olds, high school graduates, Baptismal Certificates and Administrative Fees

MEMORANDUM

The Archdiocesan GOYA Guidelines state that GOYA is a ministry for teenagers in junior high or high school (7th to 12th grades). For this reason, **after the 2008 Basketball Season**, anyone who has graduated from high school or over the age 18, will not be eligible as a player for a GOYA Basketball Tournament. (The Metropolis Camp Ministry followed this new guideline for the 2007 Camp Season.)

The 2007 Season rule change which permitted all 12 year old GOYAns who are in the Seventh Grade eligible to play in the Metropolis GOYA Basketball Tournaments will remain in effect for the 2008 Season.

Any new players (regardless of age) will be **required to submit a copy of their Official Baptismal Certificate** in order to participate. This will now replace the birth certificate requirement. If you do not have a copy of your baptismal certificate, please contact the church office of the parish in which the Holy Sacrament was celebrated. They will be able to assist you with a replacement certificate.

In order to ensure that all Basketball Forms are received in a timely manner and to cover a portion of the costs of the icons presented to graduating seniors, all forms must be received by December 1st. A **$10 late fee** will be assessed for every form postmarked after this date. (The fee must be paid upon arrival at the first tournament in order to register.) In order to be fair to all participants, this fee will not be waived.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. (Contact information above.)