

CYO CROSS COUNTRY MEET MAIL

WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 2014

LAST WEEK - "THE DIOCESAN MEET"



Meet Directors: Tim Chavez, Roger Hitchcock

A great way to end our season with perfect running weather and excited athletes. 776 runners finished the races, so if we count our young "fun-runners, we had over 800 participants!

However, large numbers are never as important as the spirit of the meet, the enthusiasm of the runners, the dedication of the coaches, the hard work of meet officials and the positive cheering support of parents and spectators!

Thanks to all the parish coordinators, coaches and our loyal meet volunteers who "came through", to make the event a memorable one. A special thanks to the many who contributed to this meet, especially to Tim Chavez and Roger Hitchcock for directing the meet; Sr. Denise, Mary Tarczynski and Corpus Christi volunteers for the prompt results and the finish line crew; the set up and clean up crew; our Medical team through all the meets, who spent the meet caring for skinned knees and drying tears; Jack Viera and the SLOT team

for leading a great fun run; our head marshals Frank Knafelc and Peter Petit and meet marshals who keep our runners safe; Ed Olkowski, our starter; Sue Mart, our timer ... and many others!

FEES

If you still owe team fees from the season, please mail a check to the CYO Office, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland 94612. The fees are \$3. per runner per meet.

RESULTS

Results for the Diocesan Meet and for all of our meets are posted on the results page.

THE 2014 SEASON



CYO Cross Country continues to be a fun experience for young people because of all the hard work and dedication by all – runners, coaches, meet officials, parents and families! As we look back on the past season, a comment heard often is that it went by too quickly!

We remember the excitement of our runners waiting at the starting line with their coaches arranging them in lines. We remember cheering families. We remember the clutching of ribbons after all the runs with pride in participation ribbons as well as place ribbons. We remember the excitement of completion but appreciating the efforts of all the runners, fast and less fast. *But most of all, we remember the gift from God of being with God's children on glorious, fall days in our parks!*

Special Acknowledgements to:

- **Tim Chavez** as Diocesan Coordinator, for all his tireless work at the meets and behind the scenes. Thank you to **Boyd Fottrell** for coordinating the “eastern” meets.

- **Corpus Christi (Piedmont), St. Theresa and Boyd Fottrell** for another outstanding job with accurate and "timely" results.
- **Sister Denise** and all the dedicated finish line awards crew for another smooth finish line.
- **Grace House (CYO)** by answering numerous questions on the phone, directing runners to the right park, giving information ...etc. etc. etc.
- **Sue Mart, Ed Olkowski** and the finish line crew for starting, timing and "directing traffic".
- **Frank Knafelc and Peter Petit** for a superb job as head marshals, and all those who marked courses and policed the fields.
- **Our "Medical Team"**, who bandaged numerous knees and added that special touch of compassion to dry the tears;
- **Jack Viera and his SLOT "Tiger / Rabbits"** who led the best race of each meet – the fun runs.
- **John Von Seeburg** from Assumption, for **great photos** throughout the season that you saw in the Meet Mail and on the website.
- All of the **meet directors and parish meet sponsors**, who took on the additional responsibility of organization, as well as coaching their teams.
- All the **parent volunteers** who came forward week after week to serve as meet officials. ESPECIALLY those who came early and stayed late to set up and pick up!
- And especially to all of the **dedicated parish coordinators and coaches** who organize, lead and inspire week after week, season after season.

To sum up the season, we remember the words of Pope Francis, as he addressed a million young people at World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro, 2013: ***"Dear friends, never forget that you are on the field of faith! You are Christ's athletes! You are called to build a more beautiful Church and a better world."***

