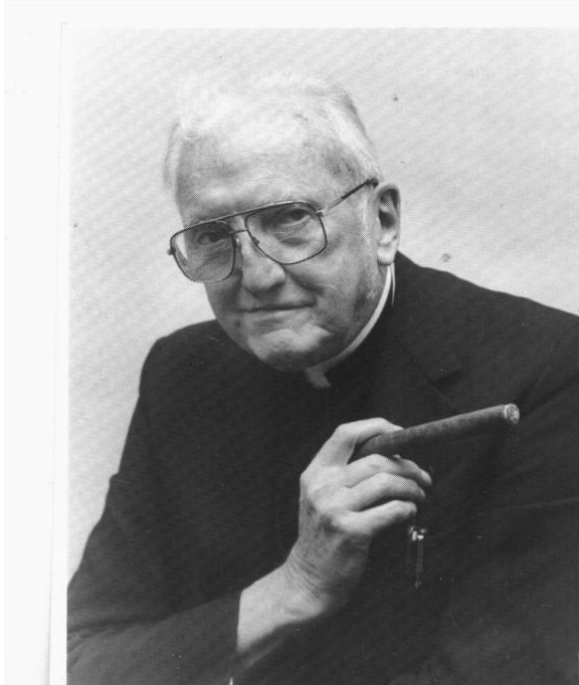


MONSIGNOR SCHMIT CYO SERVICE AWARD



Throughout his life, Monsignor Jerome Schmit served the Diocese of Toledo and its youth in whatever capacity he was able. After enrolling in a seminary, he was originally asked to leave because he was told his speech impediment, due to a cleft palate, would keep him from preaching. He took a job as a social worker and returned to the seminary several years later. He received a master's degree in social work and was ordained in 1941.

Monsignor was appointed Director of the diocesan youth department in 1942. He was given \$27 to organize a program for youth. Under his guidance the C.Y.O. evolved into the most successful unit in the state. An original four basketball teams has eventually reached over 600. Today the C.Y.O. program involves 10,000 youth annually.

Monsignor Schmit passed away on April 10, 1997. On September 30, 1998 ground was broken at the Monsignor Schmit CYO Outdoor Athletic Complex on

Holland-Sylvania Road in Toledo. The Complex bears Monsignor's name in recognition of his service to the youth of the Diocese of Toledo.

The "Monsignor Schmit Service Award" was created by the CYO Advisory Committee to honor someone who has been involved in the CYO program for at least 25 years. The recipient must be someone who has modeled Monsignor Schmit's commitment for the betterment of the CYO program.

Previous Recipients

2000	Don Beckman *	Toledo St. Thomas Aquinas/CYO Staff Member
2001	Mark Madden *	Tiffin St. Mary/CYO Staff Member
2002	Hank Jabs *	Walbridge St. Jerome Athletic Director & Coach
2003	John Wagenknecht	Toledo St. Catherine of Siena/CYO Basketball Staff
2004	Robert Tate	Toledo St. Thomas Aquinas Athletic Director & Coach
2005	Al Pucetti	Toledo Christ the King Coach
2006	Mary Noggle	Toledo Christ the King Athletic Director
2007	Jake Wiciak	Toledo Regina Coeli/CYO Football Commissioner
2009	Al Huntermark *	Toledo St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Coach
2009	Bob Winterhalter	Toledo St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Coach
2012	Carol O'Reilly	Carey Our Lady of Consolation Teacher/CYO Moderator
2014	Joe Walsh	Toledo Our Lady of Perpetual Help Coach

* deceased