CHICAGO CATHOLIC LEAGUE
HALL OF FAME

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WELCOME TO THE CHICAGO CATHOLIC LEAGUE HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

The Chicago Catholic League has been built on generations of outstanding student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and leaders. Those who have earned a place in the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame represent an important part of that proud tradition.

We believe it is time to stay better connected.
In the past, our communication with Hall of Famers often came around major occasions—welcoming new inductees or, sadly, informing our Hall of Fame family when we lost one of our own. We would like to do more.

Beginning this year, we hope the first Thursday of each month becomes an opportunity to reconnect with our Hall of Fame family. Each newsletter will highlight what is happening around the League, celebrate the accomplishments of our schools and student-athletes, and recognize the individuals who helped shape the Chicago Catholic League.

Each month, look for:

- Hall of Famer of the Month – Catching up with one of our distinguished inductees.
- Around the League – Championships, milestones, and highlights from our member schools.
- League Nuggets – Interesting stories, historical moments, and other happenings around the League.
- Hall of Fame Updates – News about upcoming events, nominations, and our Hall of Fame family.

Most importantly, this newsletter is about connection. Our Hall of Famers remain an important part of the Chicago Catholic League family, and we hope this monthly communication provides a reason to look back, something to celebrate, and a way to stay connected to the League you helped build.

Once a member of the Chicago Catholic League, always a member of the family.

We look forward to staying connected!

— Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame Selection Committee

A LEAGUE GROWS STRONGER: WELCOMING NINE NEW SCHOOLS

The Chicago Catholic League entered a new chapter this past year with the addition of nine outstanding schools from the former East Suburban Catholic Conference (ESCC).

We are proud to welcome Benet Academy, Carmel Catholic, Joliet Catholic Academy, Marian Catholic, Marist, Nazareth Academy, Notre Dame, Saint Patrick, and Saint Viator to the Chicago Catholic League family.

Their addition brings together even more outstanding Catholic school traditions, student-athletes, coaches, and rivalries. It also strengthens the opportunities for our student-athletes to compete against some of the most accomplished programs in Illinois and beyond.

The Expanded Chicago Catholic League

Aurora Central Catholic; Benet Academy;
Brother Rice; Carmel Catholic; De La Salle
DePaul Prep; Fenwick; IC Catholic
Joliet Catholic Academy; Leo Catholic
Loyola Academy; Marian Catholic
Marist; Marmion Academy
Montini Catholic; Mount Carmel
Nazareth Academy; Notre Dame
Providence Catholic; Providence St. Mel*
Saint Ignatius; Saint Patrick; Saint Rita
Saint Viator; St. Francis; St. Francis de Sales
St. Laurence

With the expansion, the Chicago Catholic League now represents 27 full-member schools, plus Providence St. Mel as an associate member for basketball. Together, these schools represent a tremendous collection of athletic tradition, excellence, and Catholic identity.

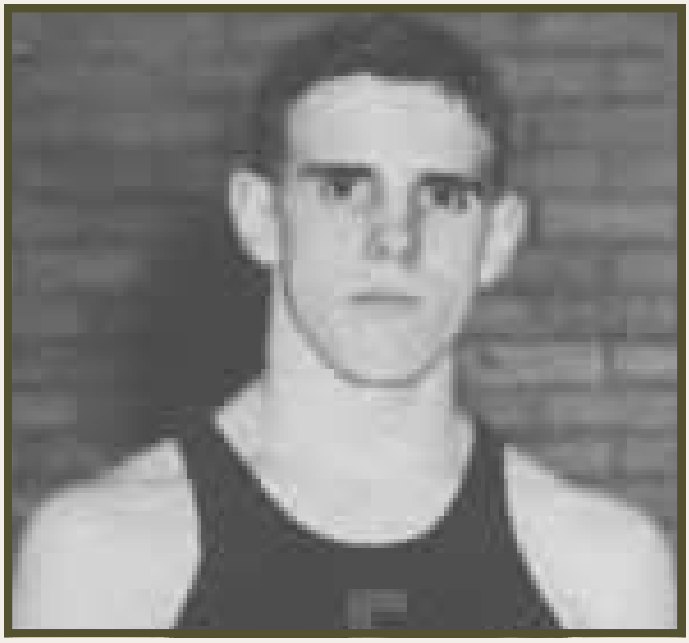
For our student-athletes, the expanded League means more opportunities to compete, new rivalries to develop, and more traditions to carry forward.

The League is growing. The competition is strong. The tradition continues.

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HALL OF FAMER OF THE MONTH



John “Jay” Standring — CCL Hall of Fame Class of 2001

Few individuals embody the spirit of Chicago Catholic League athletics quite like John “Jay” Standring. A Leo High School graduate and standout three-sport athlete, Standring earned 12 varsity letters during his high school career before continuing his football career at the University of Notre Dame.

A member of the Notre Dame football program during the historic 1966 national championship season, Standring went on to enjoy a memorable career with the Fighting Irish, recording three interceptions and helping Notre Dame reach the 1970 Cotton Bowl—the program’s first bowl appearance in 45 years.

After his playing days, Jay found his calling in education and coaching. He has spent more than three decades at St. Rita High School, where he has become a beloved teacher, coach, mentor and fixture in the Chicago Catholic League. Since joining St. Rita in 1992, “JayBird” has coached football and baseball and has been part of numerous CCL championship teams at the freshman level. In 2021, St. Rita honored his impact by naming its freshman baseball field “JayBird Field.”

Jay’s influence extends well beyond wins and championships. Generations of St. Rita student-athletes have benefited from his unique personality, passion and commitment to Catholic education. His legacy was further recognized when he was inducted into the St. Rita Hall of Fame in 2025.

A Leo Lion. A Notre Dame football player. A St. Rita legend. A true Chicago Catholic League Hall of Famer.

H.O.F. NOMINATIONS

If you have anyone deserving of being nominated for the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame. Please email pchabura@marmion.org. GO CCL!

NEW CCL WEBSITE

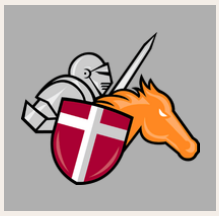
With the expansion of our league. The Chicago Catholic League felt it was a good time to update our website. Feel free to explore our new site. It’s a great way to keep yourself updated with all the latest happenings in our great league!

https://www.chicagocatholicleague.com/

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CATHOLIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

FOOTBALL CHAMPS
BLUE DIVISION





FOOTBALL CHAMPS
GREEN DIVISION



FOOTBALL CHAMPS
ORANGE DIVISION



FOOTBALL CHAMPS
WHITE DIVISION



FOOTBALL CHAMPS
PURPLE DIVISION



FOOTBALL CHAMPS
RED DIVISION



Congratulations to our Chicago Catholic League Football Division Champions!

- Blue Division: Brother Rice, Loyola Academy & Mount Carmel
- Green Division: St. Rita
- Orange Division: Saint Ignatius
- White Division: IC Catholic
- Purple Division: Saint Patrick
- Red Division: Leo Catholic

CATHOLIC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

GOLF CHAMPIONS



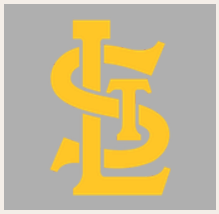
Congratulations to Benet Academy on capturing the 2026 CCL Golf Conference Championship. The RedWings shot an impressive 291.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS



Congratultions to the Broncos of Montini Catholic for capturing the 2026 CCL Cross Country Championship! Broncos had 36 team total points - super impressive finish!

SOCCER CHAMPS
BLUE DIVISION



SOCCER CHAMPS
WHITE DIVISION



SOCCER CHAMPS
RED DIVISION



Congratulations to our Chicago Catholic League Soccer Division Champions!

- Blue Division: St. Laurence
- White Division: Loyola Academy
- Red Division: St. Rita