

PAUL JOHNSON

ADULT CONTRIBUTOR AWARD



Paul Johnson was one of the “pioneers” of the CYO program in the diocese of Toledo. He joined the Catholic Club in the early 1950’s and became the first CYO Associate Director.

Paul played a large role in getting many CYO programs started including the football program and the Toy Bowls, as well as the High School State Basketball Tournament for boys in 1953. The State Tournament was not run in 1955; however, the following year Paul and a staff of volunteers from Toledo hosted the CYO Boys’ State Tournament and it has been run every year since without interruption.

In 1971, Paul discovered that his kidneys were failing and he would need dialysis and/or a transplant of a kidney. Paul received a transplant from his oldest son Marty. After the transplant, he continued as a consultant to the CYO program and served in that capacity until his death in 1986.

The “Adult Contributor Award” has been presented at this banquet since 1967. It was renamed the “Paul Johnson Adult Contributor Award” in 1986 to honor Paul and acknowledge all he has accomplished for CYO.

1967 Ed Costain	1982 Virgil Agosti *	1997 Ron Frank	2009 Mike Gabel
1968 Bill Bingle *	Henry Delffs	Joe Pasquinelli	Gary Geller
1969 Tom Murnen*	1983 Barb Knannlein	1998 Rick Abel	Al Miller
1970 Jack Murnen	1984 Tom Scheller	Joe Weiher	
1971 John Navarre	1985 Cathy Johnson	1999 Jim Schmakel	
1972 Paul Johnson *	1986 Pat Joyce	Jim Thomas	
1973 Dan Kruzal	1987 John Wagenknecht	2000 Dave Dauer	
1974 Al Puccetti	1988 Ray Overy	2001 Dave Gilbert	
Hank Jabs *	1989 Chuck Thomas	2002 Denver Mossing	
1975 Gene Potrzebowski	1990 Ty Cottey *	Joe Reeves	
1976 Richard Murnen	Marie Irons	2003 Jeff Hepinstall	
1977 Tony Dlugosielski *	1991 Tom Oess	2004 Joe Rutkowski	
Jim Porter	Stan Gibson *	Al Zablocki	
1978 Jack Florian	1992 Conrad Skorupski	2005 Mark Bruss	
1979 Andy Zsigray	Larry Massa	Jeff Seemann	
1980 Bill Thees	1993 Tim Harman	2006 Toni Watkins	
Mary Noggle	1994 Carol O’Reilly	2007 Dan Desmond	
1981 George Bush *	1995 Steve Elwell	Dave Martis	
Marilyn Conklin	1996 Jon Malhoit	2008 Beth & Cris Crosser	
	Mark Schreiner	Frank Jannazo	

* deceased

MARY KURUCZ

VETERAN COACH AWARD



Mary Kurucz's impact on CYO and programming for girls was quite substantial. In 1947 Msgr. Jerome Schmit hired Mary to start a CYO program for girls, since the only programming available was for boys. The first girls' program was basketball for eighth graders in the 1947-48 season. Four teams took part that year and followed the "old rules" (some players could play only offense, others could play only on the defensive end, limited dribbling, etc.).

Mary was instrumental in starting the High School CYO State Basketball Tournament for girls, which began in 1967. She also helped to start many of the programs that we take for granted today.

Mary died in June of 1986 after a long illness, but she had remained very active in the CYO program until her death.

The "Veteran Coach Award" has been presented at this banquet since 1970. It was renamed the "Mary Kurucz Veteran Coach Award" in 1987 to honor Mary and acknowledge all she accomplished for CYO.

1970 Joe Wlodarz *	1988 Catherine Glase	2000 Terry Moebius
1971 Paul Stutz	Dorothy Wachowiak	2001 Ed Wyszumiala
1972 Fred Ialiacci	1989 Jeff Eccleston	2002 Gary Birkemeyer
1973 Jim Galpal *	1990 Tom Kubacki	Mike Kuhbander
1974 Jack O'Connell *	Mike Ryan	2003 Bart Beavers
1975 Ray Vetter	1991 Bob & Shirley Fulop	Ron Patton
1976 Ron Hojnacki	1992 Bob Wood	2004 Bill Maloney
1977 John Reifsnider	1993 Al Huntermark	Keith Szenderski
1978 Irv Perry *	1994 Tim McCarthy	2005 Ed Maas
1979 Larry Bondy *	Mike Zieman	Mike Tate
1980 Jake Wiciak	1995 Al Kreuz	2006 Regis Rauch
Kathleen Kennedy	Jack McQuillen	2007 Jim Schaefer
1981 Dick Christ *	1996 Mike Killen	2008 Fred Dauer
Bob Gospodarek	Ken Sobbecki	2009 Ken Basinger
1982 Wally Moore *	1997 Mark Meyer	John Hills
Sandy Bloomquist	Bob Tate	George Mullan
1983 Bill Abel *	1998 Mark Buganski	
1984 Jim Gracyk	Jim Dandar	
1985 Ron Nowak	Karl Litle	
1986 Ron Rasi	1999 Bob DuGai	
1987 Marv Stammen *	John Kirk	
	Gary Rashleigh	

* deceased