



2011 Holy Family CYO Role Model

John Colonna

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen".

– Michael Jordan

Since 2006, John has been "making it happen" for the Holy Family CYO track program. After the departure of our previous coordinator, Holy Family CYO was in need of a highly organized and motivated individual to ensure the continued success of our long-standing program. Our search started and ended with John Colonna, who at the time was an enthusiastic dad assisting the track program. Although hesitant at first, John decided to take time from his busy schedule and accept the role of track coordinator and has far exceeded our expectations.

Under John's leadership our track program has grown to be one of the largest in Nassau / Suffolk CYO. Our Holy Family CYO Memorial Day weekend track meet is a perennial favorite among other parishes and continues to grow each year. There is never a shortage of volunteers for our meet thanks to John's superb organizational skills and easy-going personality.

John has made a difference in the lives of many young people who have gone on to run track in high school and beyond. Due to John's positive influence, many of our high school runners have returned to coach in our program.

In addition to our CYO program, John and his wife Diane are active members of the Holy Family community, volunteering for many Holy Family School and parish events.

In recognition of his time and commitment to the children of the Hicksville parish and Hicksville community, Holy Family CYO congratulates John Colonna as our 2011 CYO Role Model Award recipient.