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A BIG Congratulation goes out to our St Peter-St Julie North Ridgeville CYO High School Girls JV Basketball Team. We took home the Champion's Trophy this past weekend, 2/27 and 2/28, in the Cleveland Diocesan CYO Playoffs.

With amazing, ever renewing levels of energy, amidst injuries and recuperations throughout the 3 month, 18 game season, our team stayed victorious.

Our roster of wonderful Spirit led young ladies:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team Jersey #</u>	<u>Position</u>
Angie Butterbaugh	#1	Power Forward/Center
Stephanie Farner	#2	Guard/Power Forward
Annie Lalonde	#3	Guard
Abbey Vogel	#4	Guard
Whitney Hansen	#5	Guard
Nikki Gannon	#13	Guard
Catherine Delaat	#23	Center/Forward
Erin Milliken	#33	Guard



Left to right in picture:

1st Row: Coach Mark Lalonde, #3-Annie Lalonde

2nd Row: #33-Erin Milliken, #23-Catherine Delaat, #4-Abbey Vogel,
#1-Angie Butterbaugh, #13-Nikki Gannon, #2-Stephanie Farner

How the last 20 seconds from each game this Championship Weekend played out:

In Saturday night's game our team took on #2 seed St Joseph Avon Lake. Taking a time out with us down 5 points, and only 17 seconds left, we called a play to our Guard/Power Forward Stephanie Farner. Stephanie caught the long, backcourt, baseline pass over the center line, turned to the net, 2 dribbled, and launched a 3 pointer for the score. Down 2 points now with 12 seconds left, St Joseph inbounds the ball and brings it up court. Our defense stops St Joseph, forcing them out of bounds at the backcourt baseline. With 2.5 seconds left, we called a time out. The play??? Of course, Stephanie is to run the same play. With only 2.5 seconds left though, she would have to catch, turn, and shoot the 3 immediately. So the play was a long, backcourt, baseline pass over center court to Stephanie. She caught the pass from about 40 ft out. Stephanie turned, and launched her shot immediately as planned. The 3 pointer went in, nothing but net, as the buzzer sounded, sending our team to Sunday's championship final against #1 seed St Angela Merici.

In Sunday afternoon's game, with 20 seconds to go, and down 2 pts, our Annie Lalonde took a hard (scary) fall, crashing her head on the floor and whipping her neck. This took her out of the game. Possession went to St Angela, but our defense stopped them on a turnover. Our guard Nikki Gannon took the ball, and drove back down court to score her 8th point of the game, "the" game tying 2 pt shot. Now tied, and only 7.3 seconds left, our team called our 5th and last time out. During this time out, Annie advised the team she was ok, and just had to go back in the game, so she re-entered. With the ball in our possession, we inbounded from the side court, and worked the ball into play, only to get a non shooting foul called on St Angela at the baseline with only 3 seconds left. The ball is inbounded to Abbey Vogel at deep side court. Double teamed, Abbey quickly passed the ball to Annie at the deep corner baseline. Annie immediately launched a 3 pt shot. The buzzer went off as the ball left her hands... The 3 pointer went in, nothing but net, for the Championship Win.