

**PLAY LIKE
A CHAMPION
TODAY**

Character Education Through Sports

CHAMPION PARENT NOTE

The Virtue of Play



Fr. Patrick Kelly, SJ, PhD on Play

In the *Play Like a Champion* community, we strongly believe that all children have the right to play. But what if play is more than just an opportunity to have fun? In this week's video, Fr. Patrick Kelly, SJ, PhD discusses play as a virtue, citing everyone from Aquinas to Phil Jackson to demonstrate just how important this concept is. Click on the video to take a look!

Fr. Kelly is the editor of [Catholic Perspectives: Youth Sport & Spirituality](#)

A "Prototype" for Coaching Education



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for Accreditation of
Coaching Education**
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excellence in coaching education."

Play Like a Champion is thrilled to announce the renewal of our national accreditation as a coaching education provider. In announcing the accreditation, NCACE called us "a prototype for other organizations seeking to promote

Our goal is to provide the best possible programs for your coaches, parents and student-athletes. We're proud that this accreditation helps us to serve you and we thank you for being a part of our national community. To read more about the NCACE and our accreditation, [click here to read the full press release](#).



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A Prayer for our Children

O God, the Father of humankind, who has blessed me with these my children and committed them to my charge to raise them and prepare them for eternal life: Grant me the graces I need to fulfill this most sacred duty and stewardship. Teach me both what to give and what to withhold; when to reprove and when to forbear; make me to be gentle, yet firm; considerate and watchful; deliver me equally from the weakness of indulgence, and the excess of severity. Help me also to teach them to play. That I might instill them with the joy and benefit of participation in the gift of sport and recreation. And grant that, both by word and example, I may be careful to lead them in the ways of wisdom and true piety, so that at last I may, with them, be admitted to the unspeakable joys of our true home in heaven, in the company of the blessed Angels and Saints. Amen.



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