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To: AIAL Principals, Athletic Directors, and Coaches

From: Sister Carla M. Lusch, SSND, Superintendent of Catholic Schools

As Catholic Educators, we foster a Catholic identity by preparing students to encounter the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to bring Catholic teaching and values into their lives and the global world. An avenue to bring the Catholic culture of our schools is through prayer.

The recommended protocol for beginning AIAL games is that the home athletic director and/or coach will:

- 1. Bring teams to center court**
- 2. Lead AIAL prayer or prayer of choice**
- 3. Welcome everyone to the game**

Recommended AIAL prayer:

(The Sign of the Cross)

God our creator, we ask your blessing on the game we are about to play. Give each one of us the courage to play this game in a manner which, by our words and our actions, is pleasing to you. Let us enter into this competition in the spirit of respect for the members of the opposing team. Help us all to be aware of your presence as we compete in the spirit of Christian sportsmanship. Amen.

(The Sign of the Cross)

It is also recommended that prayer experiences are provided for the players at all practices.