Wash. Nationals' Craig Stammen Joins CAC Athletes Board

In June, CAC announced the addition of the Washington Nationals' Craig Stammen to the organization's Athletes Board and speakers' bureau.

In 2012, the right-handed relief pitcher had the best year of his four-year major-league career, going 6-1, with an earned-run average of 2.34 for the National League Eastern Division champions.

A native of North Star, Ohio, Craig played football, basketball, and baseball at Versailles High School and then continued his baseball career at the University of Dayton. He credits much of his career success to hard work, determination, and trusting in God's providence. Craig is a regular attendee of CAC-hosted Masses both at Nationals Park and on the road.

Click here to read an interview with Craig that was featured in the National Catholic Register earlier this year.
Chicago Cubs, Tampa Bay Rays Add CAC Ministry Programs in 2013

With the start of the 2013 baseball season, CAC was proud to announce the addition of two MLB teams -- Chicago Cubs and Tampa Bay Rays -- that agreed to provide CAC and its chaplains access and a location to celebrate Mass at the stadium for players and personnel.

Former Mississippi State baseball star and minor league prospect, Fr. Burke Masters, serves as the Cubs chaplain while in Tampa, Fr. Tom Anastasia celebrates Mass at the stadium and provides service to Catholic players and team personnel.

Mass has now been celebrated at 24 MLB stadiums as a result of CAC's MLB outreach. Please pray for our efforts to expand the program to include all 30 major league teams.

CAC Participates in "Faith Day at the Ballpark" Event in Milwaukee

On June 8, CAC participated in the third annual "Faith Day at the Ballpark" event at Miller Park in Milwaukee. CAC's Kevin O'Malley attended the event.

The event began with Mass in the tailgating section of Miller Park where 250-275 Catholics attended Mass. The previous year's program attracted 80 Catholics to Mass. CAC Brewers chaplain, Rev. Jerry Herda, celebrated the Mass. Following Mass, Lighthouse Catholic Media officials distributed Catholic CDs to event attendees.

Rev. Jerry Herda, CAC Milwaukee Brewers Chaplain, celebrates Mass for 250-275 Catholics at the "Faith Day at the Ballpark" event at Miller Park in Milwaukee on June 8.

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Nearly 270 Catholics attended the Brewers vs. Phillies game in Miller Park's Mountain Dew Deck as a group, which provided an excellent view of the playing field and a nice location to gather. CAC is currently working with the program's organizers to look at ways to both enhance the initiative and possibly expand it to additional cities.
CAC Advances Its High School Chapter Program and Promotes "Cathlete" Core Values

CAC's first diocesan-wide high school chapter program will begin its second year in the Trenton, N.J. Archdiocese this fall. CAC is thankful to Bishop David O'Connell and everyone involved in the CAC chapter program for its very successful launch in 2013 and look forward to even more exciting developments this year and beyond.

CAC Board Member Jim Delaney continues to spearhead CAC chapters in the Philadelphia Archdiocese high schools this year as the organization continues to expand the number of schools participating in the program. CAC's first parish-based chapter in Charlotte, N.C. at St. Mark's Catholic Church continues to thrive as do our many other chapters around the country.

CAC is also excited to announce the start of the its first chapter in the Arlington, Va. Diocese at Seton School in Manassas, Va., under leadership of Athletic Director Dan Vander Woude and CAC Board Member Kevin O'Malley.

Additionally, CAC's Board of Directors has approved pilot programs for junior high chapters in Oklahoma, Louisiana, and California for this fall. For anyone interested in considering development of a chapter program in your school or diocese, please contact ray@catholicathletesforchrist.com.

In addition, CAC recently unveiled a new "Cathlete" Core Values handout and poster for use at high schools and colleges interested in promoting Catholic values in athletics. The core values focus on charity, honesty, humility, meekness, moderation, purity, and sportsmanship.

Several schools have already requested the handouts and posters and more requests are expected this fall. If you are interested in receiving the CAC "Cathlete" Core Values information, email Kevin O'Malley at kevin@catholicathletesforchrist.com for details.
CAC Meets with Bishops at USCCB Meetings in San Diego

CAC Founder and President Ray McKenna and CAC Episcopal Chair Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, Ill. were joined by CAC's MLB alums Mike Sweeney and Jeff Suppan at an informal meeting held in San Diego in June as part of the USCCB meetings. Over 20 bishops participated in the meeting and expressed excitement about further expanding CAC's ministry in their dioceses.

CAC's Plans for New Web Site and Promotional Materials

CAC is working hard to expand its operations and outreach to enhance its current programs and develop new ones, including a formalized high school chapter program.

In addition, CAC is preparing to revamp its web site and prepare new printed materials to further promote the organization and its various ministry and spiritual programs. To that end, CAC is trying to raise $10,000 over the next two months to advance these important programs.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Without these funds, CAC will not be able to meet its 2013 program goals. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to CAC to help make its expansion plans a reality. Click on the "Donate Now" button to get information on how you can help CAC reach its 2013 goals.

Thank you for your support!

CAC Adds New Members to Episcopal and Advisory Boards

CAC President Ray McKenna recently announced several changes to its Episcopal and Advisory Boards.

Three new members were added to the Episcopal Board:

The Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone Archbishop of San Francisco, Bishop Listecki of Milwaukee, and Bishop O'Connell of Trenton, N.J. (l to r) were recently named to CAC's Episcopal Board.
Francisco, Calif.

Bishop Cordileone was installed as the archbishop of San Francisco on October 4, 2012. He previously served as bishop of the diocese of Oakland, Calif. He enjoys swimming and spectator sports, especially professional baseball and football.

The Most Reverend Jerome Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee, Wis.

Bishop Listecki was named the 11th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee by Pope Benedict XVI on February 23, 2009, having previous served as bishop of the Diocese of LaCrosse, Wis. He was captain of his high school tennis team, played guard on his college basketball team, and coached high school basketball. A native of the South Side of Chicago, Bishop Listecki is an avid White Sox fan.

The Most Reverend Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton, N.J.

Bishop O'Connell is the 10th Bishop of Trenton. A priest of the Eastern Province of the Congregation of the Mission, also known as the Vincentians, Bishop O'Connell has been the leading voice in the development of CAC's high school chapter program.

In addition to the Episcopal Board changes, two new members were appointed to CAC's Board of Directors -- Msgr. Tom Machalski of Orchard Lake, Mich., and Christopher Rowe of Northern Virginia.

Click here for more information on the CAC's athlete, episcopal, and advisory boards.

In Memoriam...

CAC was saddened by the news that The Most Reverend Joseph McFadden, Bishop of Harrisburg, Pa., died unexpectedly on May 2.

Bishop McFadden, 65, served on CAC's Episcopal Board and was instrumental in establishing the first CAC high school chapter in Philadelphia.

He played basketball at St. Joseph's University and upon graduation he coached the J.V. and Varsity Basketball Teams.
Upcoming CAC Events

- **September 21:** Catholic Sports Conference, Manassas, Va., co-hosted by CAC and Seton School. Event features Belmont Abbey College President Dr. Bill Thierfelder.

- **October/November:** 3rd Annual CAC "Courage Award" Presentation Event in Northern Virginia.

- **November:** Meetings with CAC Episcopal Board members at the annual USCCB meetings in Baltimore, Md.

- **November 19-21:** CAC’s 7th Annual Major League Baseball Retreat.

For more information on events, email kevin@catholicathletesforchrist.com.