

Fr. Sean Koehr Opening Prayer, Seton Homecoming
Invitational

Almighty Father,

As we gather for this competition during this season of Advent, we remember that

You come to meet us, not only as a baby in Bethlehem, not only at the finish line at the end of time as our King, but in the daily effort, discipline, and faithfulness along the way.

We ask You to bless these athletes. Help them to grow as Your friends as they give their best, competing in the Spirit of Your love.

Keep them safe from injury. Give them respect for one another, and strengthen them in perseverance and courage.

May they be good examples to all who admire them, and true teammates to those who swim beside them.

Lord, help them always to be athletes of the Spirit, striving not only for victory in the pool, but for the greater prize You promise: the imperishable crown that lasts forever.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.