



Arrive to gym 15 minutes prior to your “start” time so that you can catch the teams warming up for the game. Gate attendants will know you are coming so they don’t charge you admission. Approach the SMM Coaches , introduce yourself and let them know that you will be leading the pre-game prayer with about one minute to go in warmups at mid-court and that you will be inviting the opposing team and the officials to join. Then, simply introduce yourself to the officials and the opposing coaches and invite all them.

Have everyone take a knee around midcourt area (you, the coaches and the officials can remain standing and welcome the opposing team to StMM. **“On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, I want to welcome you to St. Margaret Mary and wish you the best of luck today. Before you start, I’d like to offer a short prayer and then ask you to join me in saying the Hail Mary. Please bow your heads”.**

**Heavenly Father,**

**Thank you for another day and for this opportunity to come together as one catholic family even if for just a short time.**

**Thank you for all of our blessings, both known and unknown, and for the talents and abilities of these young men (or women) about to play this great game of Basketball.**

**Grace us all to play, coach, officiate and observe at our very best; to be good sports and to remain humble of heart always.**

**Win or lose, we walk away as friends and press on towards our goal of honoring YOU with all of our efforts now and forever. Amen.**

**“Hail Mary, full of Grace. . . .” (group joins in)**

**Conclude with the Sign of the Cross**

**Thank the teams again and wish them both “good luck”.**



**Exit the court area** Stay and watch the game or mingle with the crowd if you want. Thanks again for volunteering for this. Enjoy the experience.



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