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LIFE TEEN SPOKESPERSON NAMED MAN OF THE YEAR

Kansas City, MO (November, 2005) – Mike Sweeney, captain for the Kansas City Royals and spokesperson for LIFE TEEN, Inc. was recently named the Marvin Miller Man of the Year by the Major League Baseball Association. The Marvin Miller Man of the Year award is given to a player for outstanding on-field performance as well as off-field contribution to the community. Sweeney has been the spokesperson for LIFE TEEN, Inc. since 2003.

Having received many accolades for his achievements on the field, Sweeney relates his success on the field to his spiritual life. “The way I approach my career as a professional baseball player and my involvement with LIFE TEEN mirror each other in a special way. I do all things in hope that the Glory would be shone upon Jesus,” says Sweeney.

Sweeney hopes that his legacy will extend beyond the game of baseball. “What will mean most to me when I retire is the realization that some of my teammates came into a loving relationship with the Creator of the universe, the One who formed us in our Mother’s womb, the One by which we will spend eternity in Heaven. Similarly, that is why my heart bleeds for LIFE TEEN. I want to let the teens know that there is so much more to life than what the world offers. There is an “abundant life” that Jesus speaks about in John 10:10. My hope is that whether it be a teammate or a LIFE TEEN member, that all would come to embrace the "abundant life" that is only found through our Lord and living our life solely for Him,” says Sweeney.

LIFE TEEN, Inc. is an international Catholic ministry that serves the Church and leads teens closer to Christ by providing resources that encourages vibrant Eucharist celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Founded in 1985, the LIFE TEEN Program continues to grow. There are currently over 1000 parishes in 19 countries implementing the LIFE TEEN Program.

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