

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PROJECT POLICY

Following Christ requires a spirit of loving concern for all people, beginning with family members and then reaching out to others, especially the needy or suffering. As a Christian, we are called to respond to needs not only when asked, but also to actively seek out ways and means to be of service. In this way, we can live the values of peace, mercy and love on all levels. Services can be offered in the home, at work, at school, within the community or for the Church.

As part of Confirmation Preparation, our expectation of all high school students will be the completion of a meaningful, approved service project, which will embody the spirit of service. The individual service project is an attempt to gain an understanding by the student of what the purpose of being called to serve others is truly all about. A Service Project Proposal Form may be submitted for approval anytime after the beginning of 9th grade, but definitely by the beginning of 10th grade.

Completion of the individual service project and corresponding final report must be turned in by the end of 10th grade. (before the start of the 11th grade Religious Ed season) Allowing this amount of time enables greater flexibility and the possibility of working on the project over the summer.

Once again, we hope to encourage teens to view service as a call and response to discipleship, not a square to fill.

Criteria for Service Project

Acceptable project: Each project will reflect the student's understanding of his/her responsibility to assist others by willingly sharing personal gifts of time and talent. Guidelines include:

- 1/ The students should be using their time or talent in a way that is out of the ordinary.
- 2/ The student must show a significant time commitment to the project/s—at least 40 hours.
- 3/ The beneficiary of the project should be someone other than the student. There should be no payment for the services offered.
- 4/ The service must be done within the 9th and 10th grade year. Service done prior to that time is not recognized.
- 5/ A service proposal needs to be turned in to the office in the 9th grade year.
- 5/ The Final Service Report is expected to be submitted to the office before the start of the 11th grade Religious Ed. season.