

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL Community Service Program

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What is Service?



“Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.”

~ *Mother Teresa*

“The distinctive mark of the Christian, today more than ever, must be love for the poor, the weak, the suffering.”

~ *Pope John Paul II*

Scripture

“... Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.”
~ Luke 6:20-21

“Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord when did we see you Hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'”

~ Matthew 25:37-40

from *New American Bible*, 1970

Specific Examples from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

806 In the unity of this Body, there is a diversity of members and functions. All members are linked to one another, especially to those who are suffering, to the poor and persecuted.

2444 “The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition.” This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to “be able to give to those in need.” It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty.

What is Direct Service?

It is working *Directly* with the disadvantaged in the *Community*:

- Economically
- Physically
- Mentally

Direct Service is also to be performed at an approved Notre Dame Service Site, our community agencies whose daily missions are to serve the disadvantaged.

Students may submit proposal forms for Direct Service not listed in our service book.

What is Volunteer Service?

- Assisting with Fundraisers & Drives
- Working in an Agency Office
- Stocking Shelves at an Agency
- Assisting with Civic Programs
- Helping the Environment
- Working with Animals
- Helping People Who are Not Disadvantaged

Questions about Community Service?

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Service Requirements

Required Hours

9th GRADE: 10 hours, at least 5 hours in direct service

10th GRADE: 20 hours, at least 10 hours in direct service

11th GRADE: 30 hours, at least 15 hours in direct service

12th GRADE: 30 hours, at least 20 hours in direct service

Community Service Credit

- Pass or No Credit Each Semester on Transcript
- Service is a One-quarter Credit Per Year

Community Service is Verified for:

- Official Student Profile
- College Applications / Resumes
- Letters of Recommendation

Community Service Student Responsibilities

Students will learn about our Community Service Program through presentations at the beginning of the school year:

- The Community Service Center
- Our Agencies
- Special Service Events
- How to Sign Up for Service
- Service Requirements & Expectations
- How to Check their Hours and their Files