

York Catholic High School Works of Mercy Booklet 2017-2018



Name _____

Homeroom _____

Religion Teacher _____

Religion Section _____

A Prayer



The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of faint spirit.

(Isaiah 61:1-3, NRSV)

Service is a basic requirement at York Catholic because it is part of our identity, part of who we are. To form habits of practicing the Gospel call to love in the area of community service, the school monitors a program of Christian Service whereby each student is required to perform hours of non-remunerated community service each year within a volunteer program or individually. Although the number of required hours is minimal over the course of the year, it is an important way of teaching students the merits of volunteer work as the means of living out their baptism and following the Gospel.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Hours Required:
 - ✚ Junior High Students (grades 7- 8) must complete a MINIMUM of 12 hours of service.
 - ✚ Senior High Students (grades 9-12) must complete a MINIMUM of 16 hours of service.
 - ✚ Service hours are to be completed at TWO OR MORE SERVICE SITES.

2. To be completed BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017:
 - ✚ Junior High Students:
 - Verification of at least 6 hours of service.
 - See page 7 of this booklet for your Service Hours Written Project
 - ✚ Senior High Students:
 - Verification of at least 8 hours of service.
 - Assignment per Religion teacher.
 - ✚ All Students:
 - One signed verification paper per service site (available on YC website & in Religion classes)

3. To be completed BY FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018 (GRADE 12) OR MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018 (GRADES 7-11):
 - ✚ Junior High Students:
 - Verification of remaining hours of service to equal a minimum of 12 hours.
 - See page 7 of this booklet for your Service Hours Written Project
 - ✚ Senior High Students:
 - Verification of remaining hours of service to equal a minimum of 16 hours.
 - Assignment per Religion teacher.
 - ✚ All Students:
 - One signed verification paper per service site (available on YC website & in Religion classes)

Service Project Grading Rubric: This assignment will count toward a MAJOR TEST GRADE in Religion for the marking periods. NOTE: As agreed to in the Student-Parent Service Covenant, both hours AND written project must be submitted whether or not credit is still possible for the project. Without the project the service is considered incomplete. Failure to complete these requirements by the date specified will affect the service grade given for the marking period. (Please note the correct spelling of the word “altar.”)

DIRECTIVES

1. Service hours are to be completed at TWO OR MORE SERVICE SITES
 - ✦ Example: A student who volunteers 10 hours with Habitat for Humanity must do the remaining required hours of service at another site.
 - ✦ Example: A student who volunteers 16 hours as an altar server at St. Patrick Church must also complete at least one additional hour of service at another site.
 - ✦ Assisting teachers or staff at York Catholic during the school year may count toward no more than 8 hours of required service for Junior High and 10 hours for Senior High students. The remaining hours must be completed at other sites.
 - ✦ The Exception to this directive is that a student may do two different types of service at the same site. Example: A student may volunteer at Saint Joseph Church carnival and may also volunteer as an altar server at Saint Joseph Church. Each semester's service reflection and written project **MUST** be about a different type of service activity even if done at the same site.
2. Students participating as members of a pre-approved school program MAY submit these hours to fulfill the service requirement.
3. Students may NOT volunteer for relatives to fulfill service requirements with the exception of extraordinary medical circumstances, and only with the approval of the Spiritual Life Director.
4. Students may NOT be away from regularly scheduled classes to fulfill the service requirement, unless it's a school-sponsored activity.
5. Students may NOT submit hours from school service resulting in recognition such as receiving a Varsity Letter.
6. Students may NOT use partisan political activity or campaign work for a service project.
7. Students may NOT do a service project at commercial (for-profit) businesses. The religion teacher may grant an exception in an extreme case. Permission **MUST** be obtained before the service is done.
8. Normally students may NOT use fundraising for one's own organization for self-interest for a service project. For example, assisting at a music-sponsored pancake breakfast at which monies raised are used to offset your personal instrument expenses is not permitted. Volunteering to assist at a music-sponsored pancake breakfast where proceeds are used to benefit the music organization is permitted.

GUIDELINES

- ✦ Students are encouraged to have their service activity approved by the Spiritual Life Staff prior to volunteering to ensure the activity qualifies for a service learning experience.
- ✦ Students are encouraged to volunteer for a non-profit organization that provides a community service such as a hospital, nursing home or shelter, walking for charity or blood drive, or a special event such as an art auction. This will allow the students to join in the community to assist and to acquire new experiences throughout the area, showing Christ to the community.
- ✦ Special events that require volunteers will be posted in the hallways of YC.
- ✦ Responses containing profanity (swearing, inappropriate language or comments, etc.) will not be accepted and will be turned over to Administration for discipline.
- ✦ **To falsify a service report or to forge an adult signature is a major discipline infraction, an honor code violation, and will be subject to disciplinary action. This will also result in a grade of 0% for the assignment. Parents must not sign Verification Forms unless special arrangements have been made in advance with the Director of Spiritual Life.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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The following is a sampling of non-profit organizations that accept youth volunteers. Some organizations may have age requirements for volunteers. Contact the organizations directly for specific requirements. Availability of service opportunities may be seasonal or on an as-needed basis. Do not call during a last minute service hour crisis. Call the Director of Spiritual Life directly at 717-846-8871 x236.

Because of service organization age requirements and transportation issues, junior high school students may have unique challenges in finding service opportunities; therefore, it is best for junior high school students to begin searching for volunteer opportunities at their parishes and youth groups.

Youth Ministry

Immaculate Conception BVM Catholic Church, York	Sharon Pichler	845-7629
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Freedom	James Clement	235-2156 x215
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Dallastown	Paula Sivulka	246-9959
St. Joseph Catholic Church, York	Scott Anthony	757-7503
St. Patrick Catholic Church, York	Scott Anthony	757-7503
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, York	Sharon Eagan	843-3043
Holy Infant Church, York Haven	Mary Frances Bowman	266-5286
Sacred Heart Church, Spring Grove	Lisa Weaver	225-1704

Place

Contact

Phone

Access York/YWCA/Victim Assistance Center (clerical, maintenance, gift wrapping)	Missy Bair	846-5400 x225
American Red Cross (clerical, emergency drives)	Ashley Martz	845-2751 x3572
ARC of York County (after-school program, special events, fundraisers)	Harlow Flory	846-6589
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of York (be a friend to an elementary school student)	Leah Woodward	843-0051 x151
Catholic Harvest Food Pantry (distribute food, special projects) – Saturdays available!	Kris Pollick	846-8571
Dreamwrights Theatre (build sets, costumes, ticket sales)	Diane Crews	848-8623
Habitat for Humanity (assist with programs, distribute information)	Kimberly Anthony	854-6168

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Place</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
The Lehman Center/Children Aid Society (clerical, nursery care)	Shari Gordon	845-5771
Margaret E. Moul Home (activities, library helper, resident buddy, visitors)	Jodie Grim	767-6463
Memorial Hospital (11-12th grade only) (deliver mail/flowers, stock shelves, clerical)	Stacey Pearl	849-5511
Misericordia Nursing Home (visiting, entertaining, clerical, Adopt-a-Grandparent)	Cindy Prowell	755-1964
New Hope Ministries of Dover (food bank)	Christi Gard	292-3441
Olivia's House (gardening, housecleaning, clerical, special events)	Michelle Baugher	699-1133
Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen (sort donations, serve meals)	TBA	848-1674
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	Linda Skehan	854-6285
Southern Community Services (special events, fundraisers, youth advisory board)	Cindy Richard	227-0048
Special Olympics (special buddies, help with program)	Bev Boyd	846-1881
SpiriTrust Lutheran Volunteer Sevices	Lauren Eriksen	845-9438
United Cerebral Palsy of South Central PA (play group, clean toys, holiday gift wrap fundraiser)	Cynthia Bosserman	632-5552
United Way of York County (assist with programs)	Zachary Reynolds	771-3812
WellSpan	volunteersvcs@wellspan.org	851-2147
White Rose Senior Center (visitors, aides)	Lisa Krout	843-9704
York County Parks and Recreation (clean-up, playground programs)	Michael Fobes	840-7440

Service Hours Written Project

May be changed at the discretion of your Religion teacher

REFLECTION ESSAYS

The purpose of these essays is to give the student the opportunity to think about and reflect upon what was learned from the service experience and to integrate it better into their spiritual life. *Teachers have the option of creating their own essays for students to complete. Please check with your religion teacher to see what option he or she has selected for the year.*

These essays are to be typed and include an MLA heading, using **five or more sentences for each**.

1. In five or more sentences, describe your experience at the service site. Tell what, when, where, and how you assisted.
2. In five or more sentences, tell what practical skills, previous personal experience, and/ or **spiritual knowledge (i.e., Virtues, Gifts of the Spirit, Works of Mercy, etc.)** of yours helped you to perform this service.
3. In five or more sentences, describe the ways in which you think the community (school, neighborhood, town, parish, and in some rare cases, family) benefited from your service.
4. In five or more sentences, describe how this service has influenced your spiritual life. How has this experience helped you to grow spiritually (affected your relationship with God)? How has this experience helped you to see those in need as Christ sees them?

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

- ✠ This reflective essay is to be typed and include an MLA heading.
- ✠ Choose a scripture passage from the ones provided below or from elsewhere in the Bible that illustrates or demonstrates your service action.
- ✠ In your own words, write a short summary of the chosen scripture passage (2 to 3 sentences).
- ✠ Write a **100-150 WORD** reflection on how that scripture passage *specifically* relates to your service experience.
- ✠ Tell how your service was an act of showing Christ to another/others and how you were able to find Christ in another/others.

Potential Scripture References for the Scripture Reflection:

Psalms 100 serve the Lord with gladness	Mt. 7:12 golden rule
Is. 1:15-17 justice	Mk. 6:30-44 feeding the hungry
Mk. 12:28-31 love of God and neighbor	Is. 43:1-5 be not afraid
I Peter 4:10-11 giftedness	I Cor. 13:4-13 love
Heb. 6:10-11 service to others	Mt. 14:13-21 feeding the hungry
Lk. 18:15-17 blessing of the children	Mk. 10:35-45 humble service
2 Cor. 9:7-9 cheerful giving	Rom. 12:9-13 loving service
Sir. 7:22 caring for animals	1 Tim. 5:3-8 care for the elderly
Phil. 2:1-11 Jesus as servant	1 Tim. 4:12 model Christian behavior
Mt. 25:31-46 serving God by serving others	Col. 3:17 serve with thanks



**York Catholic Works of Mercy Program
Verification Form**

Student Name _____

Number of Hours _____

Year of Graduation _____

Religion Class Section _____

Faith Studied and Put into Practice

A long-standing feature of York Catholic has been the requirement that students perform a minimum number of hours of service PER SEMESTER (6 for junior high and 8 for senior high). The purpose of this program is to underline the truth that Christianity is not just something learned from a book or in a classroom, but it is faith put into practice and lived in the service of others by following the example of Jesus Christ.

Date(s) service performed: _____

Type of work done: _____

Organization/individual for which service was performed:

Adult Service Supervisor's Signature

Phone / Email Address

Adult Service Supervisor's Printed Name

Date



STUDENT–PARENT COVENANT

(DUE: Wednesday, September 6, 2017)

Jesus Christ is the model of this school and of its students. By his life, Christ showed us it is better to serve than to be served and the greatest among us is the one who serves the rest. With Christ Jesus as my guide, therefore, I, _____, being the son/daughter of Mr./Mrs. _____, will to the best of my ability fulfill the service hour requirements as a student of York Catholic High School, completing no less than half of my service hours by the established due date of **Tuesday, December 5, 2017** at which point I will turn in the required verification papers and all written projects. I will complete the remaining service hours by the established due date of **Friday, April 20, 2018** (Grade 12) / **Monday, April 30, 2018** (Grades 7-11), at which point I will turn in the remaining required verification papers and all remaining written projects. Failure to turn in required forms on time will result in Administrative discipline.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____