

York Catholic

Works of Mercy Booklet

2021-2022



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Name _____

Homeroom _____

Religion Teacher _____

Religion Section _____



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

Hours Required:

- Middle School Students (grades 7-8) must complete a minimum of 12 hours of service.
- High School 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.

To be completed by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021:

- Middle School Students:
 - Verification of at least 6 hours of service
 - Assignment per Religion teacher
- High School 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)

To be completed by TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 (GRADE 12) OR MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 (GRADES 7-11):

- Middle School Students:
 - Verification of remaining hours of service to equal a minimum of 12 hours
 - Assignment per Religion teacher
- High School 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 2nd and 4th 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.

DIRECTIVES

- 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 Middle School and 10 hours for High School 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.
- Students participating as members of a pre-approved school program MAY submit these hours to fulfill the service requirement.
- Students may NOT volunteer for relatives to fulfill service requirements with the exception of extraordinary medical circumstances, and only with the approval of the Campus Minister.
- Students may NOT be away from regularly scheduled classes to fulfill the service requirement, unless it's a school-sponsored activity.
- Students may NOT submit hours from school service resulting in recognition such as receiving a Varsity Letter.
- Students may NOT use partisan political activity or campaign work for a service project.
- 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.
- 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 their Religion teacher or Campus Minister prior to volunteering to ensure the activity qualifies for a service learning experience.
- Students are urged 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 a charity fundraiser. 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. Students are strongly urged to perform acts of kindness in their neighborhoods such as raking leaves, shoveling snow, and babysitting; however, these hours will only be accepted due to extenuating circumstances if pre-approved by the Campus Minister, Religion Department Chairperson, or Religion teacher.
- Special events that require volunteers will be posted in the Religion classrooms 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 Campus Minister.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Updated June 2021

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.

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

Youth Ministry

Holy Infant Church, York Haven	Mary Frances Bowman	717-266-5286
Immaculate Conception BVM Catholic Church, York	Marisa Starceski	717-846-6001
Sacred Heart Church, Spring Grove	Heather-Marie Merrill	717-225-1704
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Freedom	Chris Wood	717-235-2156 x215
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Dallastown	Tim Tracey	717-246-9959
St. Joseph Catholic Church, York	Scott Anthony	717-757-7503
St. Patrick Catholic Church, York	Scott Anthony	717-757-7503
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, York	Brad Sizemore	717-843-3043

<u>Place</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
American Red Cross	Susan Fleming	717-461-1590
ARC of York County	Josh Leik	717-846-6589
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of York	Leah Woodward	717-843-0051 x104
Catholic Harvest Food Pantry	Kris Pollick	717-846-8571 chfp@catholicharvest.org
Dreamwrights Theatre	Ann Davis	717-848-8623 info@dreamwrights.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Place</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Habitat for Humanity	Rick Worden	717-854-6168 x106
The Lehman Center/Children Aid Society	Shari Gordon	717-845-5771 x105
Margaret E. Moul Home	Jodie Grim	717-767-6463 x138
Misericordia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	Cindy Prowell	717-755-1964
New Hope Ministries of Dover	Victoria Ernest	717-292-3441
Olivia's House	Michelle Fox	717-699-1133
Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	Staff	717-848-1674
Penn Cares	Cynthia Bosserman	717-632-5552
Southern Community Services	Susan Eckart	717-235-0446 x403
Special Olympics	Bev Boyd	717-846-1881
SpiriTrust Lutheran Volunteer Services	Staff	spiritrustlutheran.org/volunteer/overview
UPMC Memorial	Connie Klunk	717-849-5470
United Way of York County	Bryce Kruger	717-771-3809
WellSpan Health	Staff	717-851-2147 volunteersvcs@wellspan.org
White Rose Senior Center	Lisa Krout	717-843-9704
Women's Care Center	Linda Skehan	717-854-6285
York County Parks and Recreation	Staff	717-840-7440
YWCA	Ruby Martin	717-845-2631



**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 middle school and 8 for high school). 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
(Not a parent or relative – parents must not sign Verification Forms)

Phone / Email Address

Adult Service Supervisor's Printed Name

Date



STUDENT–PARENT COVENANT

(DUE: Monday, September 13, 2021)

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 Middle School or High School, completing no less than half of my service hours by the established due date of **Friday, December 3, 2021** 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 **Tuesday, April 12, 2022** (Grade 12) / **Monday, April 25, 2022** (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: _____

Year of Graduation _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____