

CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

In an effort to fulfill Jesus' command to "Love one another" every student is required to complete 20 hours of service (10 per semester) each school year.

Christian Services is an experience for each student that leads to critical learning, thinking exploration, civic learning and social justice. As Christians we are called to reach out to those who are less fortunate than ourselves as well as to those who are in need. We ask that the student extend herself outside her own family and share some of her time and talent helping others in need.

Student service must be performed through a charitable organization such as a parish, school, community group, or social service agency. It is the responsibility of the student under the direction of her parents/guardians, to find service that is worthwhile. Theology teachers will distribute necessary forms at the beginning of the assigned semester. Before beginning a service assignment, the student should obtain the approval of the Theology teacher.

All completed hours will be officially collected on a designated date each semester. Each student's teacher will assign a grade of Pass or Fail. The grade **is not** part of the Theology grade. It is a separate grade indicated under Christian Service. Students must obtain a passing grade in order to advance to the next school year or to graduate.

Students are strongly urged to hand in all required hours at this time. Any student not in compliance is personally responsible for making sure her teacher receives the needed hours. There will be no hours accepted after the last day of classes prior to Mid-terms or Finals. The student will receive an **F** as a grade for Service.

A failure in the Christian Service program must be removed by successful completion of a summer school service program to be held at Nazareth Academy High School. Failure to complete the program will result in a student being dropped from the roll of Nazareth Academy High School, or in the case of a senior, a diploma will be issued only upon successful completion of the summer program.

Here are some examples of **UNACCEPTABLE** service choices:

- Baby-sitting
- Walking your neighbor's dog or pet-sitting
- Distributing fliers for a Politician or for a business
- Cleaning for a family member, helping them move, going grocery shopping for them or visiting them in a hospital
- Reading at mass, cantoring, altar serving, etc. are not acceptable (unless it is an additional mass to the Sunday obligation)

Important Service Reminders:

1. Decide what type of service you would like to perform and plan time to complete your hours.
2. If it is not one of the approved organizations, have it approved before beginning your hours.
3. You are responsible to call the organization of your choice to schedule your time there.
4. Ask the organization to confirm the number of hours by **signing that you completed your service- It must be on their letterhead.**
5. Turn in the forms to your Theology teacher on the date assigned. Any student who fails to meet to the deadline will receive demerits and a deficiency will be mailed home.

Some tips:

1. Do not wait to start your service. The following organizations have to organize their volunteers so do not assume that they day you have in mind will necessarily work for the organization.
2. Determine the type of Christian Service you would like to do.
3. Look through this list and identify the agencies you might be interested in working with for your service.
4. Contact the organization and ask them about volunteering opportunities. When calling:
 - a. Introduce yourself to the person who answers the phone/ or the person you are directing the e-mail.
 - b. State why you are calling—to complete Christian Service hours as part of your graduation requirement.
 - c. Ask how you can go about service with the agencies.
 - d. Ask any other questions you may have.
 - e. Make an appointment (and then be prompt!)

Sample Phone call:

Hello, my name is Susie Jones and I am a student at Nazareth Academy High School. I am required to complete 20 hours of service this school year and I am calling to see how I can volunteer at (*state name of organization*). What are the steps I need to take in order to volunteer with (*state name of organization*)? May I make an appointment to begin volunteering? Are there dress requirements?

5. Once you have made your appointment, arrive on time and appropriately dressed.
6. Notify the organization that you will need a note on the organizations Letterhead and signed by the supervisor in charge before leaving.
7. Report to the CSC Office any problems you may have with an agency.
8. At the completion of your service, returned the signed letterhead to the CSC Office

All outside service must be approved before the service is completed and documented on the organization's letterhead. Below is a list of organizations that have already been APPROVED. If you would like to serve at another non-profit organization that is not listed you must receive permission first.

VOLUNTEER AT YOUR PARISH

Teach a CCD class, tutor at the grade school

NAZARETH HOSPITAL

**2601 Holme Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19152
215.335.6267
www.mercyhealth.org/nazareth**

HOLY REDEEMER HEALTH SYSTEM

**215.938.3238
www.holyredeemer.com**

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

**1201 LANGHORNE-NEWTOWN RD.
LANGHORNE, PA 19047
[HTTP://WWW.STMARYHEALTHCARE.ORG/BODY.CFM?ID=132](http://WWW.STMARYHEALTHCARE.ORG/BODY.CFM?ID=132)**

DELAWARE VALLEY VETERANS HOME

**2701 SOUTHAMPTON ROAD
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154
215.840.0075
WWW.MILVET.STATE.PA.US**

SACRED HEART HOME

**1315 WEST HUNTING PARK AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA PA 19140
215.329.3222 Anne McKnight
www.sacredheartphila.org/index.htm**

IMMACULATE MARY HOME

**2990 HOLME AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19136-1830
215.335.2100**

ST. JOHN NEUMANN NURSING HOME

**10400 ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19116-3997
215.698.5600**

MOUNT NAZARETH

2755 Holme Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19152
Contact: Sr. Ruth 215.338.8992

FOX CHASE CANCER CENTER

333 COTTMAN AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19152
888.369.2427
WWW.FCCC.EDU

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

1829 NORTH 19TH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19121
215.765.6005
WWW.HABITATPHILADELPHIA.ORG/VOLUNTEER/INDEX.PHP

PROJECT H.O.M.E.

1515 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19130
215.232.7272
WWW.PROJECTHOME.ORG

ST. FRANCIS INN

2441 KENSINGTON AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19125
215.423.5845 SISTER LESLIE

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE FOR MEN

1221 RACE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107
215.563.7763
WWW.SAINTJOHNHOSPICE.ORG

MANNA

2323 RANSTEAD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103
215.496.2662
WWW.MANNAPA.ORG

AID FOR FRIENDS

12271 TOWNSEND ROAD
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154
WWW.AIDFORFRIENDS.ORG

PHILABUNDANCE

**3616 SOUTH GALLOWAY STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19148
215.339.0900
WWW.PHILABUNDANCE.ORG**

PEGASUS RIDING ACADEMY

**8297 BUSTLETON AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA
215.742.1500
WWW.PEGASUSRIDINGACADEMY.COM/VOLUNTEERS.ASP**

SPIN (SPECIAL PEOPLE IN THE NORTHEAST)

**10521 DRUMMOND ROAD
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154
WWW.SPININC.ORG**

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

**1626 LOCUST STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103
215.985.5309
WWW.CANCER.ORG**

AMERICAN RED CROSS

**2300 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103
215.299.4088
WWW.REDCROSS-PHILLY.ORG**

BLESSED MARGARET OF CASTELLO HOME

**(CRISIS PREGNANCY)
BENSALEM, PA 19020
CONTACT: PAM BARNETT 215.245.8039
WWW.BLESSEDMARGARETHOME.ORG**

BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CENTER

**(CRISIS PREGNANCY)
712 NEW RODGERS ROAD
BRISTOL, PA 19007
MARIE JOSEPH (215) 826-8090
HTTP://WWW.BCCWC.COM/**

FRIENDS OF PENNYPACK PARK

**3463 SAINT VINCENT ST
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19149-1628
215.934.7275**