

## **Theology Department**

### **Summer Reading Assignments- 2011- 2012**

The following is a list of summer reading assignments for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors. Each class has a choice for their summer assignment. At the beginning of 2011-12 school year students will be asked to write a reflection paper or answer questions on the book they choose to read. Specific directives will be given upon arrival to school in August by the first semester Theology teacher.

Another option in place of the reading would be to visit a Shrine in Philadelphia or perhaps while you are vacationing in another state or country, submit a photo of yourself at the Shrine and a 300 word essay on your experience. Use Standard font and 1" margins *MLA Style* is the usual format for the 1 page.

We do encourage the students to participate in Eucharistic Liturgy each week. Mass is the greatest gift we have on this earth. God is so good to us and loves us more than we could ever imagine. Your presence is important to the worshipping faith community and God strengthens you with His grace to meet the challenges of life with courage and peace. We are called to be Christ- bearers in our world.

Students are reminded that twenty hours of community service are required each year. Serving others is an integral part of being a Catholic Christian. For more information on Christian Service, please see NAHS website Student Life/ Christian Service.

Course:

#### **Freshmen**

1. Title of Book: *She Said Yes: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall*  
Author: Misty Bernall and Madeleine L'Engle
2. Title of Book: *Two From Galilee*  
Author: Margerie Holme

Course:

#### **Sophomores**

1. Title of Book: *7 Secrets of the Eucharist*  
Author: Vinny Flynn
2. Title of Book: *The Shack*  
Author: William P. Young
3. Title of Book: *The Ultimate Gift*  
Author: Jim Stovall

Course

#### **Juniors**

1. Title of Book: *Theology of His Body/ Theology of Her Body*  
Author: Jason Evert
2. Title of Book: *The Last Lecture*  
Author: Randy Pausch

\*\* Books are available on Amazon.com

*Summer Assignment*  
*Theology IV*

**Seniors- Assignment:**

*Senior Service Project*

Seniors are required to complete at least four hours of service during the summer. These hours **will not count towards the twenty hours** students are asked to complete for the school year. Below is the list of service opportunities that seniors **MUST** choose from. Seniors are expected to take the initiative of contacting and organizing the project. For the student's benefit, please have the organization submit on their letterhead the # of hours along with a signature of the moderator or person in charge. Seniors will also be expected to give an oral report or written report on their experience at the beginning of the school year.

1. St. Francis Inn- an opportunity to help serve dinner to people in our city's community who are marginalized. 215-423-5845 (contact Sister Leslie)
2. Mount Nazareth- Spend time with the retired Sisters of the Nazareth community. Talk, laugh, play games... help make their day! (contact Sister Evangeline **before June 30, 2011** at 215-338-8992)
3. Parish – Call your parish and find out if there are any opportunities for service available.
4. Clean-up- Contact a local organization or business and organize a group of friends to help clean up the environment.
5. St. Christopher's Hospital for Children- Help uplift the day for a child. Give the gift of your time- 215-427-5000.
6. Aid for Friends- Work in the kitchen, make and package your own meals, stuff envelopes or deliver meals to families. (contact Vince at 215-464-2224)
7. Philabundance- [www.philabundance.org/volunteer/](http://www.philabundance.org/volunteer/) The Food Bank offers volunteer hours for sorting and packing. Check out the website for the schedule and other volunteer information. Organize a group of your friends for this worthwhile cause.
8. Project H.O.M.E.- Help in project H.O.M.E.'s mission to empower persons to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. To get more information about volunteering for Project H.O.M.E., please contact Carly Ianuzzi at 215-232-7272 x 3015 or go to <http://www.CIanuzzi@projecthome.org>
9. Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia- If you have any questions or concerns please contact <http://www.habitatphiladelphia.org/volunteer/individuals.php> or Henry Randolph by telephone at 215- 765- 6000 x10

“As Christians we should be tripping over each other to serve one another.” The possible experiences listed above are meant to provide you with an opportunity to extend yourself to others in need within your community. Make the most of this assignment!

**Summer Assignment  
Theology IV**

For: Sister Camille Kwiatek, CSFN

A one-page reflection paper discussing the questions below. Date for collection will be given at the beginning of the school year.

- Why did you choose this project?
- What did you, the senior do to organize the situation?
- Who were the people involved?
- What did you do?
- What did you learn?

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For: Sister Mary McDevitt, CSN

Usual Format for the 1 page **Response Papers MLA Style**

Use Standard font and 1” margins

Your Name

Sister Mary McDevitt, CSFN

Period \_\_\_\_

Catholic Social Teaching

Date

Response Paper #\_\_\_\_

Please reflect upon the following questions and submit them as Response Paper #1

1. What drew you to this area of service?
2. What pre-conceived notions did you have about the people being served?  
Why?
3. How are you different after your hours of service?
4. What questions arose in you as you reflected upon your service?
5. Cite a Bible passage which supports your choice of service.

Email your Response Paper to Sister Mary McDevitt at [mcdevitt@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:mcdevitt@nazarethacademyhs.org)