

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN SERVICE REQUIREMENTS 2015-2016

Matthew 25:31-40

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, 32 and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.... 34 Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?... 40 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.'

Completion of the Christian Service Program is a graduation requirement. One full credit of Christian Service is required for graduation. The Cathedral Christian service requirement will be based on the Gospel imperative of Matthew 25 that requires service to the poor and vulnerable if we wish to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Each student must complete service hours as specified below for each academic year.

Freshmen: 10 hours for ¼ credit; **Sophomore:** 15 hours for ¼ credit;

Junior: 20 hours ¼ credit; **Senior:** 25 hours for ¼ credit.

Completion of the Christian Service Requirement includes the following:

1. The service project must directly benefit people in the community and reflect Christian values as described in Matthew 25:35-41. Specifically, the hours must:
 - a) occur within a non-profit setting
 - b) minister **directly** to the poor and vulnerable as defined in the gospel of Matthew
 - c) be supervised by an adult in the service agency
2. Each Academic Year students are to select **one** Agency and contact a representative to work out a service opportunity.

There needs to be a dialog between parents and the students to put a plan in place with the prospective agency in place. The students need to contact the agency to see if they are a good fit. Some questions you need to inquire about are: Is there any age restrictions; Does a parent need to stay while I volunteer; Is there training or vaccines that I need to complete to volunteer; What are your volunteer days and hours; How far from home is it and what will my transportation be. All of these questions need to be addressed to decide if that agency is a good fit for not only your student, but you as a parent especially if you are your student's transportation! The student will then submit the application once this process is complete. The parent's signature is agreeing that this agency is a good fit for your student.

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The applications are **Due No Later than Friday September 11, 2015**. If the application is not received by **September 11, 2015** one additional hour of service for every school day late will be assigned. Campus

Ministry must approve the Service Application, **prior** to beginning service. If a student wishes to begin service over the summer months they must submit the application for approval prior to service.

3. Service hours must be done outside class time and documented by the on-site supervisor on the official Time Sheet form.

4. IB students' Christian Service Hours may count as part of their IB "Creative Action Service" requirement.

5. Regarding Mission Trips: Qualifying trips during the summer or during the school year before the deadline may be counted for the current school year. Spring trips may be approved on an individual basis for the following year.

6. Regarding CHS CIA Service Camps: Cathedral will be offering a camp June 15-18, 2015 for juniors and seniors and a camp July 8th - 10, 2015 for freshman and sophomores. These camps will complete all hours required for the 2015-2016 service requirements. We will be staying at Fatima retreat House and going out to serve during the day. Students attending the camp may not leave for any sport practices or jobs. Contact the Service coordinator for more information.

7. Students, remember you are representing Cathedral High School as well as yourself. Any problems or incidents during your service should be reported to the site supervisor and to Cathedral's Campus Ministry department.

8. Theology teachers will provide a rubric for a reflection Essay or Project to be completed each year. To fulfill their requirements students are to submit their Essay/Project electronically to their Theology teacher by **Monday, April 25, 2016.**

9. Completed copies of timesheets and service evaluations are also due by **April 18, 2016.**

10. Students must complete these service requirements in order to move on to the next year. Seniors must complete their requirements by the published deadline in order to receive their graduation diploma.

11. Though the school recognizes the importance of many activities that provide opportunities for volunteer work and for education in the faith, the following are ordinarily **NOT** approved:

a) private arrangements with private individuals

b) recreation programs or vacation bible schools.

c) summer camps not specifically designed for handicapped or other special needs groups.