

# CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE REQUIREMENTS 2019-2020

Please note changes to the Requirements this year

### *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. The Cathedral Christian service requirement will be based on the Gospel imperative of Matthew 25 that requires service to the poor and vulnerable. Each student must complete service hours as specified below for each academic year.

**Freshmen:** 15 hours; **Sophomore:** 20 hours; **Junior:** 25 hours; **Senior:** 25 hours.

### **Completion of the Christian Service Requirement includes the following:**

Students will **choose** ONE approved agency to complete at least 50% of their total hours required for the academic year. The agency list can be found on the Cathedral website under Christian Service. Students have a choice to complete all their hours at that agency or complete the remaining 50% of their required hours by participating in a combination of the following opportunities:

1. Any Cathedral "call out," such as Open House, ShamrAuction, Phone-a-Thon, alumni events and more. These opportunities will be posted and emailed to students, as well as included in the Parent Newsletter.
2. Service events organized by teams or clubs, at any of our approved agencies, or approved by special requests. Team service trips will follow the service guidelines and must only occur outside of class time. Events and trips need to be approved by the Service Coordinator. These trips will not overlap any school organized mission or immersion trips.

3. Students may participate in their home parish or place of worship **in the following activities:**

Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Confirmation Leaders, after-school mentors, servers, lectures, and hospitality ministers. They may volunteer at Parish Festivals for a maximum of four hours. These hours must be approved by a parish staff member supervising these opportunities.

4. Answering to the COMMUNITY CALLOUT BOARD. These opportunities will be emailed to students and in the Parent Newsletter and posted on the Christian Service page on the Cathedral website.

Our approved agencies are comprised of agencies that follow the Mission of the Holy Cross Brothers and our school. Agencies are non-profit settings that directly serve the poor, the elderly, and those most vulnerable in our community.

**Applications:** Electronic applications **will only be required if you are requesting to volunteer at a new agency not on the Approved list.** If a student submits an agency not on the list, they must receive an approval email before volunteering. **Submit your application using the link on the Christian Service webpage.**

**Recording Hours:** ALL hours are to be recorded using the **MobileServe APP.** Hours are verified by the Agency's Volunteer Coordinator. The APP sends the email to the Agency to verify hours. Students should attach the location as a safety net to Geo track hours. All service hours are to be completed hours by **Tuesday April 14, 2020** for all students, freshman through seniors.

**Reflections:** Theology teachers will provide a rubric for the oral reflection at the year end during theology class.

**Service Record:** Completion of Christian Service Requirements will be reflected on the student's report, as well as College Transcripts. **Only hours completed by the deadline will be recorded.** If a student completes all hours required he/she will see the number of hours completed.

Transcripts will only be released to colleges once hours are submitted and documented for all four years.

**Graduation:** Seniors with **INCOMPLETE** service hours are invited to all Graduation Ceremonies. However, as stated previously, college transcripts will not be issued to colleges until all service hour requirements are met.

### **Final Notes**

1. Agencies not on the approved list must be approved prior to volunteering.
2. All hours are to be **recorded on the Mobileserve APP**. Students **NEED** to enter their correct **Class Code** before logging hours.
3. 2019-2020 hours must be completed by April 14, 2020. All service hours must be done outside class time.
4. Students must be serving directly with the chosen agency.
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. Students, remember you are representing Cathedral High School as well as yourself. Any problems or incidents during your service need to be reported the site supervisor & to Cathedral's Campus Ministry.
7. Seniors must complete all four years requirements by the deadline in order to walk at Graduation & receive their diploma.
8. Lastly, please get into the habit of reading emails so you do not miss important information.