



Senior Christian Service Reflection Paper: AP and Non-AP Students

For the 2022-2023 school year, seniors will write and submit the following reflection on the Christian service you have completed as a senior. Both your service and the reflection paper are **graduation requirements**. There are no exceptions to this policy.

All Non-AP Seniors should email their reflection paper to their Faculty/Staff Moderator.

All papers must be submitted on or before Friday, May 10th.

Your reflection paper must:

- Be at least 1000 words in length, no longer than 1500.
- Be typed, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font.
- Address at least several of the prompting questions below.
- Be submitted no later than **Friday, May 10th**.

After reading your paper, your assigned moderator will assign a grade of Honors, Pass, or Fail/Redo. Successful completion of the Christian service requirement will be noted on your final report card.

To guide your reflection, please answer as many of the following questions below as you find helpful to thoroughly develop your reflection on your service. You do not have to answer all of them, just ensure that your reflection is logically arranged and transitions smoothly between the questions that you answer.

- What was your role at the service site? If you served at various places, write about the ones in which you had the greatest role.
- What were your initial expectations? Did these expectations change? Why?
- Describe a person you encountered in the community in which you served who made a strong impression on you, positive or negative.
- What spiritual, vocational, or personal benefits do you believe you gained from your Christian service experience?
- Did anything surprise you about your service site or responsibilities?
- Was there a time during your service that you felt uncomfortable, or like an outsider? Describe this experience and what you learned from it.
- If you worked with an underserved population, has your understanding of poverty, disability, oppression, or marginalization changed because of your participation?
- How can you continue your involvement with this group or a similar organization that addresses this community need?
- How can you use this experience to raise awareness about the societal need(s) that you addressed through your service?

- What connections can you make between your service and the five Xaverian Spiritual Values of simplicity, humility, compassion, trust, and zeal?
- What connections can you make between your service and your study of social justice and morality?
- What connections can you make between your service and relevant scriptural stories, parables, or quotations?

When you complete your essay, create a brief prayer of 12-20 lines (this is separate from the essay) which may reflect on what you have learned and what graces you have received in doing Christian service. You may wish to follow a format similar to this:

- Address God or Jesus by name
- Thank God for the specific experiences or even specific people
- Insights you gained about yourself, your responsibilities, other people, their needs etc.
- If you received the grace as Ryken said to “fall in love with the service of God” with what you did, express this feeling.