

**Underclassmen Christian Service Program Explanation**

One of the cornerstones of Xaverian Spirituality, caring for God’s people through **direct service**, is an essential part of what it means to be part of the Malden Catholic community. Here at MC, your child is required to dedicate a portion of his/her time each year to meeting the needs of those on the margins of society.

The Basics:

Question	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors
How many hours do I need to do?	15	25	35
Where do I record my hours?	<a href="https://mobileserve.com/">https://mobileserve.com/</a>	<a href="https://mobileserve.com/">https://mobileserve.com/</a>	<a href="https://mobileserve.com/">https://mobileserve.com/</a>
How will I be assessed?	Reflection paper at end of year turned into your theology teacher	Reflection paper at end of year turned into your theology teacher	Reflection paper at end of year turned into your theology teacher
Can I do any service over the summer?	No	Yes, up to 10 hours, beginning on or after the last day of the previous year	Yes, up to 15 hours, beginning on or after the last day of the previous year
Can I volunteer at more than one place?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can family members verify my service?	No; if a family member works at or is affiliated with the agency, someone else at the agency must verify your service	No; if a family member works at or is affiliated with the agency, someone else at the agency must verify your service	No; if a family member works at or is affiliated with the agency, someone else at the agency must verify your service

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is direct service?
  - a. Direct service means that students are interacting with people in need. They must choose an organization that does not profit from the services it provides and/or has the title of 501 (c)(3) and tries to meet the needs of the poor, marginalized, disabled, disadvantaged, excluded, or underserved.
2. What are some examples of non-profit organizations?
  - a. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. City or Town Sports Leagues</li> <li>ii. Public or Catholic Schools</li> <li>iii. Churches</li> <li>iv. Food Banks or Pantries</li> <li>v. Soup Kitchens</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vi. Shelters</li> <li>vii. Certain Nursing Homes</li> <li>viii. Organizations for People with Developmental Disabilities</li> </ol>
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3. What does not count as Christian Service at MC?

- a. Informal Service
    - i. Students cannot perform tasks for family members, neighbors, or friends. While these are lovely gestures and are to be encouraged, they do not count as Christian Service at MC.
  - b. For-Profit Organizations
    - i. Students cannot work for private sports leagues, dance schools, private companies, or other institutions that profit from their clients.
  - c. Assisting with Sports at MC
    - i. Students cannot help with MC sports clinics, camps, or other sporting events at MC for service hours without prior approval from the administration.
  - d. Employment for No Money
    - i. Students cannot do a job for which they would otherwise be paid and simply forfeit the money they could have earned.
  - e. Worship Assistance
    - i. If you are an active leader in your worship service, such as lector, altar server, Eucharistic Minister, you may receive 1 hour for every three Masses at which you serve. You may not exceed 5 hours in total with this form of service. Someone in authority (priest, parish administrator, music director, etc.) at your parish must verify your service.
4. Can I do any of my hours at MC?
- a. You may do up to 5 hours of service **for** MC. Service **for** MC refers to anything that helps keep the doors open.
    - i. Examples:
      1. Admission Events
      2. The Gala
      3. Work for the Advancement Office
  - b. If MC does things for the betterment of others your participation in these services gives you unlimited hours.
    - i. Examples:
      1. Campus Ministry events
      2. Charity drives
      3. Walks
      4. Work with outside organizations

***Do you have further questions? Feel free to contact Mrs. Lauren Connolly, Campus Minister for Christian Service, Mr. Robert Gregory, Theology Department Chair, or Br. Thomas Puccio, Director of Mission Integration.***