



SENIOR

Christian Service Requirements

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN SERVICE?



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, you are required to dedicate a portion of your time each year to meeting the needs of those on the margins of society.

WORKS OF MERCY

Corporal

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Welcome the stranger
- Bury the Dead
- Visit the imprisoned
- Minister to the sick

Spiritual

- Pray for the living and the dead
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Forgive injuries
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Educate the young
- Encourage Repentance

WHAT IS DIRECT SERVICE?



PEOPLE ON THE MARGINS

Your service must meet the needs of the elderly, poor, marginalized, disabled, disadvantaged, excluded, or underserved.



PERSONAL CONNECTION

During your service, you must interact with the people served by your organization in some way.



NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Your service must be done for an organization that does not profit from the services it provides. They should have the title of 501(c)(3). These are charitable or public organizations.



EXAMPLES

- City or town sports leagues
- Public or Catholic Schools
- Churches
- Food Banks or Pantries
- Soup Kitchens
- Certain Nursing Homes
- Organizations for People with Developmental Disabilities

RESTRICTIONS

INFORMAL SERVICE

You cannot simply tutor your cousin, shovel for a neighbor, or make Christmas gifts for your family, to name a few examples. While these are lovely gestures, they cannot count as service.

EMPLOYMENT FOR NO MONEY

You cannot do a job for which you would otherwise be paid and simply forfeit the money.

FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

You cannot work for a private sports league, dance school, company, school, or other institution that profits from its clients.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Attendance to your weekly worship service does not count.

ASSISTING WITH SPORTS AT MC

Helping with MC sports clinics, camps, or other sporting events at MC without prior approval from the administration does not count.

AP SENIOR REQUIREMENTS

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- 75 Hours of Direct Service
- May begin during the summer
- Hours Entered into Mobile Serve
- Attend Commissioning Service
- Reflection Paper at End of the Year

HOW DO I COMPLETE MY SERVICE?

CHOOSE A PLACE TO VOLUNTEER

Choose a place that works with those on the margins, is a non-profit, and allows you to have some direct contact with the clientele.

PERFORM THE SERVICE

Contact the organization; set up a time to do your work; go and perform the service.

LOG THE HOURS

When you have completed your hours, go on to mobileserve.com and enter the hours you have worked. Your theology teacher will approve or reject these hours throughout the school year.

COMMON QUESTIONS

CAN I VOLUNTEER AT MORE THAN ONE PLACE?

Yes, you can. You can volunteer with as many organizations as you would like.

CAN MY FAMILY MEMBERS VERIFY MY SERVICE?

No, they cannot. You cannot work directly for a family member, nor can they be the supervisor for any service opportunity. If a family member works at or is affiliated with the agency, someone else must verify your service.

DOES MY SUMMER SERVICE COUNT?

If you have a question about whether your summer service fits the MC parameters for service, please email Mrs. Connolly prior to beginning the service.

CAN I DO MY SERVICE OVER THE SUMMER?

Yes. You can do as many hours as you want to over the summer. **Hours must begin after the last day of the previous school year.** Nothing prior to this date will be counted.

WHAT ABOUT SERVICE AT MC?



SERVICE FOR MC

You may do up to 5 hours of service for MC. Service for MC refers to anything that helps keep the doors open.

- Examples:
 - Admission Events
 - The Gala
 - Work for the Advancement Office

If MC does things for the betterment of others your participation in these services gives you unlimited hours.

- Examples:
 - Campus Ministry events
 - Charity drives
 - Walks
 - Work with outside organizations

NON-AP SENIORS

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- 90 Hours of Direct Service
- Completed During Last 3 Weeks of School
- Attend Commissioning Service
- Reflection Paper at End of Service

HOW DO I COMPLETE MY SERVICE?

CHOOSE A PLACE TO VOLUNTEER

Choose a place that works with those on the margins, is a non-profit, and allows you to have some direct contact with the clientele.

SUBMIT THE PAPERWORK

Complete and submit the Service Contract and Medical Authorization form. Submit them in hard copy to Mrs. Connolly.

DO THE SERVICE

Each day during the last three weeks of school, report to your organization. Complete your 90 hours. Get your Service Verification Form signed and return it to Mrs. Connolly.



The Service Contract

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SWPLgLy1NDXKzEVKaRASjqIfj2XdS4QDnerrW9eff4I/edit?usp=sharing>

The Medical Authorization Form

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dmabzyFK8y6ILBZTvTJ52qo2hLFISpv1gY77CasCN3c/edit?usp=sharing>



COMMON QUESTIONS

CAN I VOLUNTEER AT MORE THAN ONE PLACE?

No, you cannot. You must choose one organization at which to do your 90 hours of service.

CAN MY FAMILY MEMBERS VERIFY MY SERVICE?

No, they cannot. You cannot work directly for a family member, nor can they be the supervisor for any service opportunity.

CAN I DO MY SERVICE OVER THE SUMMER OR BEFORE THE 3-WEEK SERVICE PERIOD?

No, you cannot. You must complete all your hours during the last 3 weeks of the school year.

COMMON QUESTIONS

WILL ANYONE FROM MC VISIT MY SERVICE SITE WHILE I'M DOING MY SERVICE?

Yes. Someone from MC will visit your service site at least once throughout your three-week service period. They will request to see you and your supervisor.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT COMPLETE MY SERVICE?

This will jeopardize your timely graduation. Your diploma may be withheld until your service hours are complete.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I'M SICK OR THERE IS AN EMERGENCY?

All MC rules and guidelines regarding absences and emergencies apply while you are at your service site. Both MC and the service site must be contacted in the event of an absence.

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QUESTIONS?



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