

Senior 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	AP Seniors	Non-AP Seniors
How many hours do I need to do?	75	90
When do I do my service?	Any time on or after the last day of the previous school year and throughout your senior year	The last three weeks of the school year. You cannot do your service at any other time other than the three weeks at the end of the school year.
How do I start my service?	There is no paperwork to fill out. Please choose service locations wisely and check with your theology teacher to make sure you are volunteering at approved organizations.	Specific Paperwork Required. See Below.
Where do I record my hours?	https://mobileserve.com/	Specific Paperwork Required. See Below.
How will I be assessed?	Reflection Paper at End of Year	Reflection Paper at End of Year
To whom do I give the reflection paper?	Girls – Mrs. Connolly; hard copy only Boys – Mr. Gregory; hard copy only	To your Faculty Moderator
Can I do any service over the summer?	Yes. You may do all your hours over the summer if you so choose. You may begin this service on or after the last day of the previous school year. Nothing prior to this date will count.	No. You cannot do your service at any other time other than during the specific three weeks at the end of the school year.
How do I know if my summer service will count?	Please email Mrs. Connolly prior to beginning your service project.	N/A
Can I volunteer at more than one place?	Yes.	No.
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.
Can I do any of my service at MC?	Yes. See below for clarification.	No.

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 elderly, poor, marginalized, disabled, disadvantaged, excluded, or underserved.
2. What are some examples of non-profit organizations?
 - a. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - i. City or Town Sports Leagues
 - ii. Public or Catholic Schools
 - iii. Churches
 - iv. Food Banks or Pantries
 - v. Soup Kitchens
 - vi. Shelters
 - vii. Certain Nursing Homes
 - viii. Organizations for People with Developmental Disabilities
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

The following pertains to AP Seniors only.

Christian Service at MC

1. 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
2. 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

The following pertains to Non-AP Seniors only.

1. In January of your child's senior year, he/she will receive a packet of paperwork regarding the completion of their Senior Christian Service program. This packet will consist of five papers.
 - a. Page 1 – Explanation of Program
 - b. Page 2 – Service Contract
 - i. This form asks the student to write down their name and address; choose a faculty member to monitor their progress on this project; identify their service organization; explain their reasons for choosing this organization; as well as to obtain signatures from you, their parent/guardian, and the person who will be supervising their work at their chosen agency. All signatures must be done on the paper itself. No emails will be accepted.
 - c. Page 3 – Medical Authorization Form
 - i. This form asks for the name of the student's service site and address, the student's home address, parent/guardian and emergency contact information, as well as information regarding possible allergies, medical conditions, or medications.
 - d. Page 4 – Complete Hours Verification Form
 - i. This form asks the supervisor of your student to sign a statement verifying that your student has completed their 90 hours.
 - e. Page 5 – Explanation of Final Reflection Paper
2. All papers must be completed – with the exception of the Hours Verification Form - in order for your student to begin his/her hours. These papers are due by March 1st.
 - a. Papers should be submitted in hard copy to Mrs. Connolly in Campus Ministry. No emailed copies will be accepted.

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.