

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CONTRACT

2023-24

“This I command you: love one another.” - John 15:17

De Paul Catholic High School’s Mission Statement clearly says:

De Paul Catholic High School is a co-educational diocesan college preparatory high school whose mission is to foster the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth of its students. De Paul Catholic enables all students to deepen their faith by teaching the doctrine and traditions of the Catholic Church; by strengthening their sense of social justice and societal responsibility, and by helping students form a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The school community also develops young men and women from varying backgrounds into skilled, compassionate citizens who respect the dignity of all people and leaders who are willing to meet the challenges of a complex global society.

In the tradition of St. Vincent DePaul in serving those who are most in need, we look forward to the 2023-24 Christian Service Program. All students are required to participate in Christian Service* during their years at DePaul Catholic High School. St. John gives us the charge from Christ himself, that as we consider ourselves members of a Christian Community, we are reminded that our first command is to love one another.

***Christian service is defined as the” direct provision of a basic human good to a person or persons in remarkable need.”** The DePaul Catholic CSP program’s intention is that you will work with people in remarkable need – people who are poor, homeless, sick, dying, mentally or physically challenged, or in need of education, supervision, or companionship.

All of the above mentioned areas of need are suitable for service. Service may also include needs within the DePaul Catholic High School facility/community, Diocesan programs (upon approval) or a service-oriented ministry of their own choosing in compliance with the ministry guidelines above. Service opportunities may begin over the summer, once school has ended, for the following year. If a student has a desire to serve in another area not listed, prior approval must be given by the Theology department. Students should see their individual Theology teacher for guidance, if necessary.

***All students are required to download the MobileServe app via the App Store or Google Play Store (<https://mobileserve.com/>) on their phone and tablet to sign forms, log hours, view service opportunities. All students must ONLY use their depaulcatholic.org email to login. New students will receive this email the first day of school. Upon receiving your email, please login to MobileServe to sign and submit forms and begin logging in hours!**

Each student will submit their Contracts, Projects/Essays and log their hours by specific due dates.

- Please note that **it is the student’s responsibility to make all contact with the service site, to print or pick-up, and to turn in the paperwork required from the site.**
- **There will be suggestions of service opportunities shared on all Theology teachers’ Google Classrooms and in MobileServe. Please contact your individual Theology teacher for any suggestions or concerns as they will always be a resource for the service requirement.**

IMPORTANT DATES AND REQUIREMENTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. Christian Service Contract - SIGNED BY STUDENT and PARENT due via Google Classroom and MobileServe by September 8, 2023.**
- 2. Christian Service Log - FIRST 5 HOURS due via MobileServe by January 12, 2024** (*All hours are to be logged into MobileServe at the site of service and the site supervisor (*other than a parent or family member*) is required to authenticate the project work right in MobileServe!)
- 3. Final Christian Service Log - Completed Service Hours, minimum of 15 hours, due via MobileServe by May 3, 2024**
- 4. Project or Essay Assignment - Due date set by the individual Theology teacher** (*All students are responsible to complete a reflection paper or project, assigned by individual Theology teachers. If the end of the year assignment is not completed, the student will receive an F for CSP.)

I understand that I have the responsibility to have my service hours recorded in MobileServe, to obtain appropriate signatures for verification, to include pictures if able to and to submit assignments to my Theology teacher on the determined dates.

I understand that, in addition to any school-determined service, I am responsible for choosing location(s), activities/projects, and scheduling CSP projects where I will volunteer. *Locations and projects **must be approved** by your Theology teacher **prior** to your service. Service done without approval may not be accepted for service credit.

I am aware that organizations rely on their volunteers to appear when scheduled. If for some reason, foreseen or unforeseen, I am unable to appear OR complete as scheduled, I understand I must call or email the agency to inform them, and arrange for another volunteer to take my place, if possible.

In signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the goals and expectations of the Christian Service Program of DePaul Catholic High School.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____