

Christian Service Q & A S.Y. 2025-2026

1. Why are we doing Christian Service?

In line with the Gospel values, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has taught and emphasized that service is very much part of our Catholic identity and the call to serve and give back in our respective communities requires more creativity and generosity with our time and resources.

2. How many hours are required this year?

Students should render at least 20 hours of charitable actions.

3. Do I have to do all three categories of faith, school and community?

Ideally, yes – but if you're dealing with unique circumstances, you can still serve and earn hours in any category/categories. Talk to your C.S. teacher for advice and approval.

4. Are there safe ways to render service hours?

There are many safe ways to give back, ranging from participating in charitable drives, promoting good causes through social media, writing letters to people in retirement/convalescent homes, and most importantly, volunteering at charitable and non-profit organizations.

5. Where do I find information about service opportunities?

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles compiled a list of organizations that allow people to participate in a safe manner. The list is posted in the Christian Service page on Amat website.

<https://www.bishopamat.org/catholic-identity/christian-service>

Our school and student groups also offer various opportunities posted on the website and official social media accounts. Service opportunities are also posted on the Christian Service bulletin board in the 600 Wing and you can also follow the official Amat Christian Service Instagram.

6. How do I get my charitable actions validated?

For your records, request your service supervisor (not your parents/relatives) to sign your Christian Service verification sheet. Free copies are available on the CS bulletin board or download from the Amat website. Do not lose your signed service papers; bring them to your CS adviser for filing. Take a photo of each sheet and also post it in your CS Google classroom as proof and back up.

7. How do I get verification especially when participating in virtual service activities?

For every charitable action, students must:

- a. take picture(s)
- b. promote it in social media (*if available*) to encourage others to help and take a screenshot.
- c. post these proofs in your Christian Service Google classroom.

Your C.S. adviser has folders (Ex. Service #1, Service #2, Service #3, etc.) in your C.S. Google classroom for you to post your proof.

8. I don't have a social media account or my parents do not want me posting this.

That's okay, we respect your parents' concerns. You can still post proof of your charitable actions in your C.S. Google classroom as back up.

9. How do I log my service hours?

Go to your student portal and click on the *Student Hours* link and follow the prompts. Students who are new to Amat or have forgotten how to do this are advised to seek help from knowledgeable students on how to properly log hours in their portal. Before you finalize your entry, you must acknowledge that your service log is true by clicking on the honor code box.

10. Why do I have to log my service hours?

Logging hours in your student portal provides accessible and detailed data of your progress. It also helps you build a good resume for college and work applications and will be part of your transcript. Your service hours must be backed up by verifiable proof validated by your C.S. adviser.

11. When are the hours due?

They are due in April (TBA)

12. Do I still have to do the reflection part?

It is important that you reflect on the importance of serving your community and how it makes you a better person. You need to write your reflection on the back of the Christian Service verification sheet by focusing one of the prompts.

13. I did not complete last year's requirement, I need more than 20 hours, what should I do?

Develop an action plan and ask your C.S. teacher for advice. You need to put your best effort to make up for your service requirements especially if you are graduating this year. There are many safe opportunities to render service in school, in a church and in the community. Check out the Christian Service postings on the bulletin board in the 600 wing or on the school website.

14. I would like to apply for service awards and/or would like to earn the California Distinguished Scholar graduation status, how do I qualify?

Student candidates to the CA Distinguished Scholar Award will receive an email invitation from Ms. Joseph-Pudvan and are required to have rendered 120 hours of validated Christian Service. Seniors who wish to earn the prestigious Archdiocesan Christian Service Award will apply in December. Read the Lancer Life for specific awards criteria.

15. I volunteered last summer. Can I count those hours for this school year?

Absolutely! Turn in your service sheets to your CS teacher during the assembly, and we will add them in your file. Make sure to log in your hours in your student portal.

16. I still have other questions...

Please reach out to your Christian Service teacher or talk to Mr. Kasilag.