

# **CHRISTIAN SERVICE CONTRACT 2025-2026**

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

# **De Paul Catholic High School's Mission Statement:**

DePaul 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 High School's Vision Statement:**

The school's vision is to transform young men and women from varying backgrounds into skilled, compassionate citizens who respect the dignity of all people and are striving to become leaders willing to meet the challenges of a complex global society.

This is accomplished by teaching a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, providing opportunities to participate in competitive athletics as well as a variety of quality co-curricular activities while also partaking in Christian Service activities and teaching the doctrine, traditions, and practices of the Catholic Church.

In the tradition of St. Vincent DePaul, who is the Apostle of Charity, all students at DePaul Catholic High School are required to participate in the school's Christian Service\* program.

Christian service is defined as the "direct provision of a basic human good to a person or persons in remarkable need."

The DePaul Catholic High School Christian Service Program requires that students 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 the above-mentioned areas of need are suitable for service. Service may also include needs within the DePaul Catholic High School community, the Diocesan community, or a service-oriented ministry of their own choosing in compliance with the ministry guidelines above. Service opportunities may begin over the summer break 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 GooglePlay Store (<a href="https://mobileserve.com/">https://mobileserve.com/</a>) on their phone and computer to log hours, upload photos taken at service sites. Absolutely no other people should be in service photos without the approval of the person/people served, parent of child(ren) served, and site supervisor.

All students must ONLY use their depaulcatholic.org email to login. New students will receive this email the first day of school. Upon receiving the email, students are to login to MobileServe to sign up and begin logging hours!

All students 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 any necessary paperwork required from the site.
- There will be suggestions of service opportunities shared on all Theology teachers' Google Classrooms as well as the school-wide Google Classroom. Students must contact their 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/or hard copy by September 12, 2025
- 2. Christian Service Log FIRST 5 HOURS due via MobileServe by January 16, 2026 (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, <u>minimum of 15 hours</u>, due via MobileServe by May 21, 2026
- 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 Christian Service Program).

## **Student and Parent Acknowledgement:**

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 Christian Service 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: