

Community Service Requirement 2016-2017

All students must fulfill their Community Service requirement in order to pass religion class for the year.

REQUIREMENTS:

Students must complete a writing assignment related to their service project. Their religion teacher will announce the due date.

The service project, which the student chooses, must comply with the following guidelines:

- 1. The work must serve persons directly.**
- 2. The student may not receive payment for their service.**
- 3. The project should give the student contact with people whom they normally would not meet, and also be an unfamiliar kind of work.**
- 4. The service project should meet the required hours:**
 - 1. Freshmen: 10 Hours**
 - 2. Sophomores: 20 Hours**
 - 3. Juniors: 30 Hours**
 - 4. Seniors: 40 Hours**

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To provide an opportunity of service in which the students can explore their own giftedness and discover ways in which they can share them with others.**
- 2. To provide an opportunity of service in which the students will make choices about areas of deep human need with which they will become involved.**
- 3. To provide an opportunity for which the students can meet persons with "special needs" and can learn from their perspectives.**
- 4. To provide an opportunity of service in which the students can discover the joy that comes with responding to others in need and to plant seeds for their life long commitment to service.**
- 5. To provide an opportunity of service in which the students are challenged to broaden the scope of their involvement.**
- 6. To provide an opportunity for reflection through writing and sharing with others. The students are encouraged to integrate their service experiences with their religious/spiritual formation.**

Service Examples

Examples of Acceptable Volunteer Service

- Retirement Home
- Carrington House Dinners
- The Franciscan Center
- Tutoring
- Camp Counselor
- Food pantry
- Soup kitchen
- Habitat for Humanity
- Medical Rehab/Nursing Home
- Head Start program
- Homeless shelter
- Parish fundraisers/outreach to the poor
- Our Daily Bread
- Beans and Bread
- Blood drives

Examples of Unacceptable Service

- Filing or clerical work in an office
- Working in a Warehouse
- Any for profit entity (for example):
 - Automotive shop
 - Dance studio
 - Beauty or barber shop
 - Insurance company
 - Carry out/Concession stand
 - Cleaning service
- Doing work at home or for other family members
 - Any yard or house work (cutting grass/raking leaves/dish cleaning)
 - Babysitting

Your service must be your own and done outside of school

(Unless you are in the Key Club of course!).

VERIFICATION:

- 1. THE SERVICE IN GOD'S NAME (SIGN) CONTRACT:**
 - **This form must be filled out completely by the student along with the supervisor consent signature, parent/guardian signature and Religion Teacher/ Campus Minister signature.**
- 2. THE STUDENT EVALUATION FORM:**
 - **Upon the completion of the community service project, each student must complete this form, evaluating the agency for which he/she worked.**
- 3. THE AGENCY EVALUATION FORM:**
 - **Upon the completion of the project, each student must have this form completed by his/her supervisor at the agency, evaluating the student's performance.**

- **Your completed SIGN contract will be due by Monday, October 31st.**
- **You will earn 25 points for turning your contract in on time. You will lose 5 points a day for each day it is late.**
- **You will still be required to turn in your contract as your project must be approved by your religion teacher.**
- **If you do not have an approved contract, you will not receive credit for your project.**
- **Incomplete forms will not be accepted.**

- **Students failing to complete a service project will not pass religion class for the year.**

Suggested Projects

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP AN ORIGINAL SERVICE PROJECT. COME SEE ME TO TALK ABOUT IT!

Ministry to Elderly & Disabled

Genesis Eldercare, Franklin Woods

A nursing home near Franklin Square Hospital.

Susan Landisman (410) 391-260

<http://www.wellness.com/dir/2503169/nursing-home/md/baltimore/franklin-woods-genesis-eldercare>

Bright View Senior Living

Activities and events with residents

Diane Gibson (410) 668-1588

<http://www.brightviewseniorliving.com>

Gallagher Services

Ministry to persons with disabilities

Jim Hillman 410- 252-4005

www.catholiccharities-md.org

Food Assistance Programs

Our Daily Bread

Serving meals; soup kitchen

Aaron Kennedy (443) 986-9031

<http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/our-daily-bread/odb-food-service/our-daily-bread-hot-meal.html>

Beans and Bread

Serving meals; soup kitchen

Erin Shutt (410) 732-1892

http://www.vincentbaltimore.org/beans_bread.html

First Fruits Farm – Freeland, Maryland

Working in the fields harvesting crops for use in food banks and soup kitchens

Rick (410) 218-8289

www.firstfruitsfarm.org

SOBER (South Baltimore Emergency Relief)

Social advocacy, food co-op

<http://www.manta.com/company/mmd7g4k>

Paul's Place, Pig Town

Soup kitchen, thrift store, after school care for children

Will Thomas (410) 625-0775

<http://www.paulsplaceoutreach.org/index.html>

Sarah's Hope Outreach

Stocking shelves, pantry, women's shelter

Connor Wall (410) 396-2204/2205

www.vincentbaltimore.org

Franciscan Center

Food pantry, Clothing sorting

Mike Parker (410) 467-5340 x113

www.franciscancenterbaltimore.org

GEDCO (Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation)

CARES-Food Bank, eldercare, soup kitchen, homeless outreach, affordable housing

Erin Whitt Hilker (410) 433-2442 x22 ewhitthilker@gedco.org

<http://www.gedco.org>

St. Clement Mary Houfbauer Church

Food assistance

Pam Walters (410) 686-3316 x123 pwalters@stclemmh.org

<http://www.stclementmh.org>

St. Francis of Assisi

Social justice projects

Jerry Buettner (410) 254-1842

<http://www.sfabalt.org>

St. Vincent de Paul

Social justice projects @ St. Ambrose Center

Richard Williams, Jr. 410-225-0870 x106

Richard.Williams@vincentbaltimore.org

<http://www.vincentbaltimore.org>

Tutoring

Mother Seton Academy; Wednesday after school tutoring

<http://www.mothersetonacademy.org>

Fort Worthington Elementary School; Wednesday after school tutoring;

Anita Moore-Coleman (410) 396-9161 or 7661 AMColeman@bcps.k12.md.us

St. Thomas Aquinas, Hampden, After school tutoring: Tues & Thurs 3:30-4:30

Mary Cutter (410) 889-4618 mcutter@stthomasaquinasschool.us

Esperanza Center, Teach English as a second language

Rosa (443) 825-3423 www.catholiccharities-md.org

God's Will Apostolic Ministries, Essex, After school tutoring; kids

Barbara Bennett (410) 391-1234 barbbennett46@comcast.net

**Anna's House, Bel Air, Transitional housing; two nights per week need students to tutor and help with children; Cindy Hanley (410) 803-2130
<http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/annas-hou>**

Construction

**Sandtown Habitat for Humanity, Construction of homes for the poor
Mandy Barb (410) 669-3309 www.sandtownhabitat.org**

**Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity, Construction of homes for the poor
Matt Herzberg (410) 366-1250 x111 mherzberg@habitat Chesapeake.org
<http://www.chesapeakehfh.org>**

Public Advocacy

**Public Justice Ctr. Attorney's office; advocates for the poor; can have volunteers depending on time of year;
Wendy Hess (410) 625-9409 x235 www.publicjustice.org**

**Maryland Catholic Conference, Office work, political lobbying
Mary Ellen Russel (410) 269-1155 www.md cathcon.org**

**Kids on the Hill, Social action through artistic expression; after school program
Rebecka (410) 383-7200 www.kidsonthehill.org**