

Service Projects

Service projects are a way for you to use your gifts, talents and abilities to help others. To be a true service project neither you nor anyone in your immediate family can benefit, either directly or indirectly, from your service. The goal is to look beyond yourself and beyond those nearest to you and give of yourself to help someone else.

Before making your decision and commitment to a service project

1. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance
2. Talk to your parents and sponsor
3. Find out the needs of people in your Church, school, neighborhood or community

Suggestions for Service Projects

These suggestions are some of the ways a candidate may choose to serve. Perhaps something on this list will give you other ideas on how to use your special gifts.

- Visit the elderly of the parish at home or in a nursing home
- Assist the elderly or a needy family with their chores (Cut grass, yard work, cooking, cleaning, shopping, etc.)
- Baby-sit for someone who needs help
- Organize or help with a recycling project
- Initiate a clean-up campaign in the parish school or local park
- Do volunteer work in a hospital or in a hospice
- Write cards or letters to hospitalized children, teens or Military personnel
- Collect food for the poor or work in a food bank
- Collect, clean, and repair clothing for the poor
- Earn money for missions by washing cars, babysitting etc.
- Perform special services for the handicapped (read to the blind)
- Prepare meal or desert for a family dealing with a death
- Collect toys for poor children
- Make gifts or favors for those in hospital/nursing homes
- Collect and deliver magazines to the hospital ER waiting rooms
- Bake for a bake sale
- Work in a special Education program or tutor after school
- Coach or assist with young children's sports activities
- Help with Sacred Heart of Jesus Fall Fest
- Help in the CCD Program (teacher's aide)

