

Service Projects for 2020-21~

In this time of Covid, I have been procrastinating committing to a new service profile. Change in this time has been so frequent, I kept hoping we would find a way to do something together. Unfortunately, time is moving along and together is not happening; so, another plan...

As I ponder what the point is, of asking for a service commitment in this time, I have concluded that your help is needed in the world. To that end, I have three components that I think we can measure in some small way and consider them service to our baptismal call for Confirmation.

1. Random Acts of Kindness
2. Family Support
3. Care for my Community

I am going to ask, instead of focusing on hours or time, to focus on a way to contribute meaningfully in these three areas, either in person or in some other way.

I am creating a new log sheet and you can use any experience you have done in these three areas since Confirmation began in August.

They will be due next month and the experience can be anything as long as it fits the category as described on the log sheets.

Some of you submitted service with and to your school community, which would count in the third category and you simply have to fill out the reflection log sheet that suits it.

On to the log sheets...

Random Acts of Kindness: aka *Paying it Forward*

A random act of kindness is just that, random. You become aware of a need and you work to meet it, often for someone you do not know in any meaningful way and with even with no further contact beyond that moment. It could be either a Corporal or Spiritual Act of Mercy, (pg. 873 in Catholic Youth Bible)

1. What was the need?
2. What was the kindness you did to help that need?
3. What unique God-given gift or ability do you possess that helped you to serve in this way?
4. How did it make you feel, to do what you did?
5. How do you think it strengthened your faith to do this act of kindness?

Family Support

In this time of Covid-19, we are spending more time with our immediate families but less time with our extended families. All members of every family have or are struggling in some way, at some point, with something, during this time. Taking time to find a way to help can be challenging and even something we do selflessly. Finding a way to connect, listen, forgive and care for others is part of our faith, but finds its first home in our family; and it is precious in this precarious time. Find a way to make a difference for someone in your family, immediate or extended. (see Catholic Social Teaching on pg. 1402 in the Catholic Youth Bible)

1. Who, in your family, did you help?
2. How did you help?
3. How did it make you feel to help them?
4. What did you learn through the experience?
5. What difference does it make, in the family as a whole, when your faith life is strong?

Care for the Community

By our baptism, we are initiated into the larger Christian community as a member of the Catholic Faith. The indelible spiritual mark of our baptism cannot be erased and has both rights and responsibilities. Finding a way to serve the communities we are a part of, and to contribute to make a difference, is part of that membership. (See pg. 1457 in the Catholic Youth Bible) Find a way to use your gifts and talents to support the community. You can help one of our parish ministries, a school service or create your own opportunity to serve in our city. If you need ideas, please contact Mrs. Spear or I.

1. Who did you choose to serve?
2. What did you do?
3. What need was met for those you served?
4. How were you being the hands and feet of Christ in that opportunity?
5. What did you learn through this opportunity?