

# Service Projects

Due by March 12, 2025

## Catholic Social Teachings

The mission of the Church explains that service is essential to living out the Catholic faith. The Church's mission is 3-fold: *word, worship and service*. We live out the mission of service as we serve one another and the Church.

The Catholic Church proclaims its social teaching as essential to the universal call to holiness. There are 7 social justice themes. By virtue of Baptism, we are called to carry out the ministries of Jesus Christ in the world today in our parish, homes and community.

## Works of Mercy

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are the heart of our identity as a Catholic. It is not enough to just say "I am a Catholic" – we must 'walk the walk' by loving our brothers and sisters in deed and in truth.

## Your Task

To select at least **1 Catholic Social Teaching** in which you will be of service to others. And to perform the service in charity. Being of service to others means being there every time you are needed. A service project should be a minimum of 4 hours in length or several services which add up to 4 hours total.

## Writing Your Service Project Reflection Paper

Write a reflection of the Catholic Social Teaching service project using the format below.

- ❖ Describe the social teaching. Include the following information:
  - Description of the service; include the type of service, duration of service, and duties performed.
  - Name of person or group who was the recipient of this service.
  - Why did you select this particular social teaching?
  - Take a look at the Works of Mercy. As you serviced others through the social teaching, which Works of Mercy were shining through you?
  - Describe the final outcome of your act: How did the recipient feel? How did you feel? Where was the Holy Spirit's presence?
  - How did you – as a disciple of Jesus Christ carrying out his mission– experience Jesus working through you?
  
- ❖ Obtain the signature of the person supervising your Service, or your parent's signature, at the bottom of your report.