

Guidelines for Service

Guidelines for Service: "Faith without works is dead." James 2:26. Loving like Jesus means having compassion, expressed through mercy. Works of mercy are our way of "paying it forward" since we could never repay God for all he has done for us. Service is based on the spiritual (admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the afflicted, bear wrongs patiently, forgive injuries, and pray for the living and the dead) and corporal works of mercy (feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick, shelter the homeless, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead) and most of all on the example of Christ who came to serve. When giving service, the following points should be considered.

- ❑ Your service is not just a job to be done. It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need.
- ❑ The giving of service should continue after your Confirmation and all through your life.
- ❑ There are many areas for service. Service can happen at home, in the community and at Church. The following list is suggestions, if you do not have service opportunities on your own. Try to choose different types of activities and plan to spend a total of about 10 hours of service. This is to be the beginning of a life of service, not a project to complete.
- ❑ **All that is required is to write up a one-page summary of the ways you have served and how it has helped you to take on the mind and heart of Christ, fulfill the needs of others and build up the Christian community. Your summary is due Sunday, April 19, 2009.**

Service Suggestions:

- Help with 1st Reconciliation, November 22, 2008 (St. Mary's)
- Be a leader for PSR Jesus Day, Saturday April 18, 2009 (St Mary's)
- Help with Parish Easter Egg Hunt, April 4, 2009: stuff eggs, hide eggs, host games, face paint (St. Mary's)
- **Volunteer to help with the Sunday 9 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (St Mary's)**
- Read to children at the Family Life Center (Berea)
- Baby-sit for Mothers at Cleveland Crisis Pregnancy Center (Berea)
- Volunteer SCAN Hunger Pantry (Berea)
- Baby-sit for someone for free
- Do yard work or housework for a neighbor or family member for free
- Be an aide for the PSR classes on Sundays 10:30-11:30am or Mondays 7:00-8:15 pm. (St Mary's)
- Go visit a nursing home, a grandparent, or other elderly or lonely relative
- Volunteer with St. Mary's School stewardship program (SMS & Mrs. Ehrbar)

For more information about any of the above organizations, please contact Katie Drager at 440-241-9988 or k_drager@hotmail.com

*"What I can do, you cannot. What you can do, I cannot.
But together we can do something beautiful for God."* Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta