

SUGGESTIONS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS

Corporal Works of Mercy

Before making a commitment to a service project, think about the variety of ways in which you can use your talents and abilities to help others. These **suggestions** are only some of the ways others have chosen to serve. This list is only for ideas. Perhaps you have your own special kinds of services in mind. Find out about the real needs of people in your parish, school or community. **A service may not be done for any commercial business or relative – these will not be approved. YOU MUST DO AT LEAST TWO (2) DIFFERENT SERVICES. A maximum of 10 hours per service will be accepted.**

Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27

After making your decision and commitment, follow these simple steps.

Step 1 – Fill out the COMPLETE front of the Service Pledge at least 2 weeks in advance

Step 2 – Return the Pledge to the RE Office or your Catechist for approval

Step 3 – Bring your approved Service Pledge with you to volunteer

Step 4 – Fill out the back service log when your hours are complete

Step 5 – Ask the service supervisor to fill out the bottom of your service log

Step 6 – Return the completed Service Pledge to your Catechist or RE Office

Altar Server (maximum 10 hours)

Assist a needy family

Assist senior citizens with chores (nonrelative)

Babysit for someone who needs help (nonrelative AND nonpaying)

Bake for a cake sale

Bordentown Elks Breakfast for their Handicap Committee

- 3rd Sunday of every month 9AM - noon (no Summer hours)

- call Mrs. Barbara Monk 298-6329

Check your own Public School for areas you may serve

Choir performances (maximum 7 1/2 hours)

Coach or assist with young children's sports Activities (nonprofit)

Collect food for the poor

Collect toys for poor children

Do volunteer work in a hospice

Help at CER Summer Program (call CER 298-9123 x1200 or x1202)

Help with a fund raising project for charitable organization

Help with Vacation Bible School (prep work and week of in August)

Initiate a "cleanup" campaign (parish, school or park)

Knights of Columbus Easter and Santa Breakfasts

Lector for Mass

Make gifts or favors for hospitals or nursing homes

Make rosaries (contact RE Office)

Organize or help with a recycling project

Parish covered dish dinners

Parish Hospitality Sunday's (noted in Sunday Bulletin)

Parish picnic

Participate in the Bordentown CROP Walk

Perform special services for the handicapped

Prepare a meal or dessert for a family whose suffered a death

Prepare entertainment or holiday parties for nursing homes

Raise money for retirement funds for elderly religious

Read to or make audio tapes for the blind or elderly

Serve as an aide during RE classes (not during your class time)

Shop for an elderly neighbor (nonrelative)

TASK – Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

Tutor after school

Visit the elderly at home or nursing home

Volunteer to read at a local Book Store or Public Library to children

Volunteer to work in a hospital

Work at St. Mary's Food Pantry

Work in a special education program

Write cards or letters to hospitalized children or teens

Write letters to government officials about justice issues

Yard work around St. Mary's with maintenance crew

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created; and You will renew the face of the earth. O God, who did teach the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

It would be advisable for parents to assist or to stay with their child for safety, even if you know the people involved. Ask if the service project has a NJ CAP, VIRTUS, or other Child Abuse Awareness Program affiliated with it as this will help you decide if it is safe to leave your child.