Service Projects

Catholic Social Teachings

The mission of the Church makes clear that service is integral to Catholics. 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 has proclaimed its social teaching for more than 115 years. There are 7 social justice themes. Service is *not* an extracurricular activity. By virtue of Baptism, we are called to carry out the ministries of Jesus Christ in the world today. Service is essential to this call.

Works of Mercy

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

Your Task

You are to select at least **1 Catholic Social Teaching** in which you will be of service to others. Do not merely select something that seems quick and easy, perform the service one time, then cross it off your list. Being of service to others means being there every time you are needed. Most services are repetitive by nature. A service project must be a minimum of _____ in length.

Writing Your Service Project Paper

Write a summary 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.