

CHRISTIAN SERVICE LETTER

"This I command you: love one another." - John 15:17

In the tradition of St. Vincent DePaul in serving those who are most in need, we look forward to the 2022-23 Christian Service Program. St. John gives us the charge from Christ himself, that as we consider ourselves members of a Christian Community, we are reminded that our first command is to love one another. In addition, De Paul Catholic High School's Mission Statement clearly says:

DePaul Catholic High School is a co-educational diocesan college preparatory high school whose mission is to foster the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth of its students. DePaul Catholic enables all students to deepen their faith by teaching the doctrine and traditions of the Catholic Church; by strengthening their sense of social justice and societal responsibility, and by helping students form a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The school community also develops young men and women from varying backgrounds into skilled, compassionate citizens who respect the dignity of all people and leaders who are willing to meet the challenges of a complex global society.

All students are required to participate in Christian Service* during their years at DePaul Catholic High School.

Approved ministries include:

- ***A minimum of 10 hours MUST be completed in the assigned areas, with the remaining hours as your choice of service:***
 - * **Service to the Elderly, Sick & Dying, Disabled Adults, Children**
 - **8th Grade, Freshman, Sophomore**
 - * **Service to the Poor**
 - **Juniors**
 - * **Service to any of the above groups**
 - **Seniors**

****Christian service is defined as the "direct provision of a basic human good to a person or persons in remarkable need."*** The DePaul Catholic CSP program's intention is that you will work with people in remarkable need – people who are poor, homeless, sick, dying, mentally or physically challenged, or in need of education, supervision, or companionship.

****All students are required to download the MobileServe app on their phone and tablet to sign forms, log hours, view service opportunities. All students must use their depaulcatholic.org email to login. New students will receive this email the first day of school. Upon receiving, please login to MobileServe to sign and submit forms and begin logging in hours!***

In that spirit, the following are the requirements for this year's CSP:

Grades 8 - 12 are required to completed the following:

- *CSP Contract signed by both student and parent.
- *All hours are to be logged into MobileServe at the site and to be signed by the site supervisor.
- *At the close of the second semester all 15 (or more) Christian Service hours are completed.
- *An adult project supervisor (other than a parent or family member) is required to authenticate the project work.
- *All students are responsible to complete a reflection paper or project. If the end of the year assignment is not completed, the student will receive an F for CSP.

Service may include needs within the DePaul Catholic High School facility/community, Diocesan programs (upon approval) or a service-oriented ministry of their own choosing in compliance with the ministry guidelines above.

Service opportunities may begin over the summer. There will be a CSP (Christian Service Program) GOOGLE CLASSROOM set up for all shared information, forms and updates in which every DePaul student must enroll.

Each student will submit their Contracts, Projects/Essays and log their hours by specific due dates.

- Please note that **it is the student's responsibility to make all contact with the service site, to print or pick-up, and to turn in the required paperwork.** All copies of the required forms and documentation are available on the Google Classroom page, the Main Office, the school's web page (look for Faith / Christian Service Program / etc) and in the Theology classrooms.
- **There will be suggestions of service opportunities shared on the Google Classroom Page ALL students are to enroll in. Please contact your individual Theology teacher for any suggestions or concerns as they will always be a resource for the service requirement.**
- **Service opportunities will also be posted on the MobileServe app. Please be sure to check emails, the CSP Google Classroom and MobileServe regularly!**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1. Christian Service Contract - SIGNED BY PARENT due via MobileServe by September 9, 2022**
- 2. Christian Service Time Log - FIRST 5 HOURS due via MobileServe by January 23, 2023**
- 3. Final Christian Service Time Log - Completed Service Hours, min 15 hours due via MobileServe by May 5, 2023**
- 4. Project or Essay Assignment - Due date set by the individual theology teacher**