

KCHS Service Program

Pope Francis has continually called all Christians to a deeper love of service. He has challenged and called all men and women of good will to live lives that demonstrate the love of God through a greater care of one's neighbor. At a Jubilee Audience, on March 12, 2016, Pope Francis stated:

I would like to reflect on Christ's words: "Do you know what I have done to you? [...] If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (Jn 13:12, 14). In this way Jesus indicates to his disciples that *service* is the way to live out their faith in him and to bear witness to his love. [...] By washing the feet of the Apostles, Jesus wished to reveal God's mode of action in regard to us, and to give an example of his "new commandment" (Jn 13:34) to love one another as He has loved us, that is, laying down his life for us. [...] Love, therefore, is the *practical service* that we offer to others. Love is not a word, it is a deed, a service.

It is love then that animates the KCHS service program.

SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS

KCHS strongly encourages students to select *meaningful* service projects throughout the year. **KCHS does not require service hours, but individual clubs and teams will require members do so.** Please talk with individual moderators and coaches for more details as club involvement evolves.

PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS

Every spring at the Academic Awards Ceremony, KCHS awards "The President's Service Awards." These awards are granted to those students who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to serve the wider community. The governing institution, as opposed to KCHS, sets the requirements for this award. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, completing at least 100+ hours of service. The student is responsible for keeping track of his own hours and making sure that KCHS is aware that he qualifies for this award. **Completed hours and descriptions of the work must be emailed to jane.walker@knoxvillecatholic.com by the first school day of February.** Hours given in service for The President's Volunteer Service Awards must take place during the current school year (June-January).

LOGGING OF HOURS

KCHS no longer logs or tracks service hours; however, individual clubs or teams may choose to do so.

SERVICE EXAMPLES

- Cook/Serve meals at a shelter or temporary residence (i.e. Family Promise)
- Deliver meals to poor or shut-ins (Mobile Meals)
- Hand out food at a food pantry (i.e. FISH pantry)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Volunteer with therapy programs (i.e. STAR)
- Participate in Mission trips (KCHS hosts a Belize and Haiti trip)
- Teach Vacation Bible School or other religious education classes
- Tutor underprivileged children
- Volunteer as a camp counselor for disabled/underprivileged children
- Attend Catholic Heart Work Camp or other similar activities
- Care Cuts (haircuts for the poor)
- Ronald McDonald House (working with families)

- Nursing homes such as Arbor Terrace (a group of KCHS students go every Wednesday)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Parish activities (cleaning, maintenance, fundraisers)
Please note, serving, cantoring, ushering, etc. at liturgies DO NOT COUNT (the exception is for funeral liturgies or if helping at multiple masses – the mass fulfilling a student’s Sunday obligation does not count. Students with questions may contact Father.christopher.manning@knoxvillecatholic.com)
- Pre-Approved “Campus Pride” work at KCHS or feeder school (hour limit: 3)
- Packing meals for poor
- Shelving items at a food pantry
- Volunteering at fundraisers for the poor or ill
- Any work for Catholic Charities or the Ladies of Charity with no direct contact with the poor, e.g.: sorting clothes
- Volunteering at a Crisis Pregnancy Center with no direct contact with women in crisis
- Volunteering at the headquarters of a charity organization
- Help at fundraisers for charity
- Sort/organize gifts for the poor

SUGGESTED AGENCIES

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| • KARM | • American Red Cross |
| • Boy’s & Girl’s Club | • Catholic Charities |
| • Ronald McDonald House | • Water Angels |
| • FISH Hospitality Pantry | • Columbus Home |
| • Mobile Meals | • Lost Sheep Ministries |
| • STAR | • Ladies of Charity |
| • TRAK | • Emerald Youth Foundation |
| • Nursing homes | • YMCA |
| • Vacation Bible School | • Habitat for Humanity |
| • Religious Education classes | • Salvation Army |
| • Love Kitchen | • Second Harvest Food Bank |
| • Special Spaces | • Volunteer Ministry Center |