



Community Service Verification

Student: _____ Grade: _____ School Year: _____

To promote goodwill with those around us, and to help students learn the value and pleasure of serving God by serving others, St. Mary's Catholic School requires all students in grades six through eight to provide service to our community outside of school hours. "Community service" is defined as "any activity benefiting an organization or individual in need of such activity and leading to an improvement of the quality of life". Community service does *not* include work done on behalf of a family member or family business, tasks for which a student receives payment, or activities (such as altar serving) the student already regularly performs. The amount of service required by each student each school year is listed below. Students providing more service may become eligible for special awards during the year, including the American Citizenship award.

Grade 6: 15 hours: 3 to 4 per quarter until 15 is met
(American Citizenship Award eligibility: 25 hours by April 15th)

Grades 7 & 8: 20 hours: 5 hours per quarter
(American Citizenship Award eligibility: 35 hours by April 15th)

Community service is a component of the Religion curriculum, in the area of Social Justice, and therefore will be effective in the quarterly Religion grade. Incomplete Service requirements will result in the Religion grade being lowered.

Examples of community service activities:

visiting a nursing home; completing an arts-and-crafts project for the school or community; participating in a clean-up campaign; performing housework or errands for ill or elderly persons; baby-sitting (up to five hours, total) for someone (not a relative) unable to provide compensation; providing credible, needed assistance (approved by the school office) for an established community organization or institution. Note that a variety of service is expected, with a student performing at least three diverse types of activities or projects during the year.

Students are encouraged to perform as many hours as possible during the fall, as opportunities for service in the spring tend to be few.

Community Service Record

Date	Times	Hours	Description of Activity	Verified by	Approved by

* All Community service must be documented and is subject to approval by the principal