

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Apostolic Hours/Christian Service Policy

At St. Mary's Catholic School, in addition to maintaining the highest academic standards, we also seek to cultivate the heart of a servant in our students. We do this by requiring our students to actively serve the community because it is our duty to be the hands and feet of Christ.

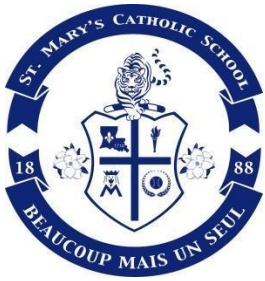
There are various forms of service, and for the sake of clarity we have designated two categories:

1) Those that encompass the Corporal Works of Mercy - feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, care for the sick, comfort the afflicted, pray for the dead, visit the imprisoned, teach the ignorant, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger and counsel the doubtful.

These are defined by being directly involved with those you are serving. Examples include serving the homeless a meal, coordinating/playing bingo with the elderly, teaching children Bible skills, volunteering at VBS, teaching children at a sports camp, showing individuals at the hospital where to go for an appointment, helping an elderly person with yard work, etc.

2) Those that include taking care of the environment and service to animals -no direct service to people.

These are defined by an indirect contact with those benefiting service. Examples include stocking shelves at a food pantry, setting up and taking down booths for a Church Carnival or art camp, participating in a cleanup day, volunteering at an animal shelter or care center, packing items for a care package for an organization to distribute, etc. We encourage a variety of service experiences each year.



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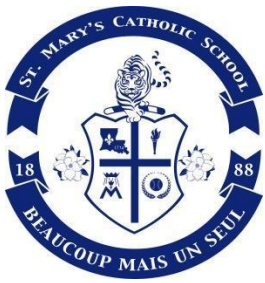
DUE DATES

Half of the required hours for each year must be performed and turned in by **progress report date of 2nd quarter for the first semester**. The remaining hours must be performed and turned in by **progress report date of 4th quarter for the second semester**.

- 7th and 8th Grades: 10 hours (5 per semester)
- 9th through 11th Grades: 12 hours (6 per semester)
- 12th Grade: 14 hours (7 per semester)

Maximum of 3 hours per activity

Completion of Apostolic Hours will be counted as a test grade (100 points) in both the 2nd and 4th quarters of the 2023-2024 school year, **and are required to pass the class.**



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GRADING POLICY

Students will create a portfolio of Apostolic Hours including the following:

Activity Title

Date

Hours

Completed Signed Activity Form by a witness

Description - Students will type a one page, double spaced description of EACH activity. The description should describe the activity performed, the impact the service had on those that served, what was learned by completing the activity, and what was most liked about the service activity. It should be typed in Times New Roman font, and in the font size of 12.

Students will be graded as follows:

Completion of Apostolic Hours

1 page reflection per activity

Signed Service Form

Total: 100 points for each semester for the 2023-2024 year



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Apostolic Hours/Christian Service Form

Student Name: _____

Activity Title: _____

Date: _____

Hours Completed: _____

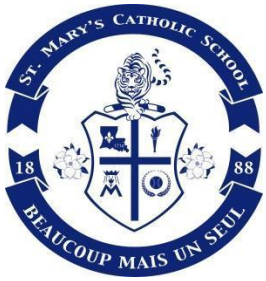
Sponsor Signature: _____

Contact Number: _____



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