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Theology Summer Enrichment Assignment All Grades(9th-12th)

Objective:

The objective of the summer enrichment assignment is to provide students with meaningful, relevant and engaging ways to foster their personal faith journey and analytical skills. It is the hope of the Theology Department that your summer enrichment assignment helps to spark your curiosity of the world around you.

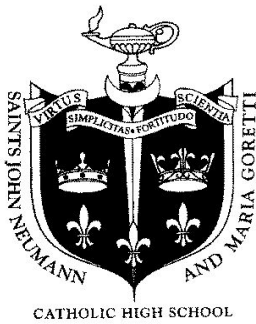
Overview:

All students will complete 4 hours of service with an organization of their choosing. Students must then present their service experience through one of the means below. Assignments will be collected in the student's respective theology class on the first full day of school (Wednesday, September 5th). A late penalty of 10 points per day will be given for each day of lateness. The Summer Enrichment Assignment will count as a major assessment grade for the first quarter of your Theology class.

These four hours do not count toward a student's required 10 Christian Service Hours or Scholarship Hours. You may volunteer above the 4 hours required for your summer enrichment assignment and apply them toward your Christian Service Hour or scholarship requirement.

Assignment Details and Expectations

1. Choose an organization to volunteer your time with. To complete this assignment you must complete 4 hours of service. You should ideally volunteer with an organization that serves the community. See the list of suggestions at the end of this document. You may not be paid for your service.
2. Choose **ONE** of the following options for presenting your service experience:
 - a. **Option1 - Pamphlet**
 - i. Create a tri-fold travel brochure or travel guide that outlines your service experience
 1. Informational sections should include, but are not limited to:
 - a. History of the Organization
 - b. Reason for Choosing Organization
 - c. Memorable Moments
 - d. Tips for volunteering here
 - e. Interesting things you saw or experienced/People you met
 2. You should include pictures, maps, graphics, etc.
 3. Resources:
 - a. <https://www.canva.com/create/brochures/>
 - b. Creating a brochure with Google Templates
 - i. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzLCu8Z3RVs>
 - c. Pinterest has some unique ideas for creating a brochure



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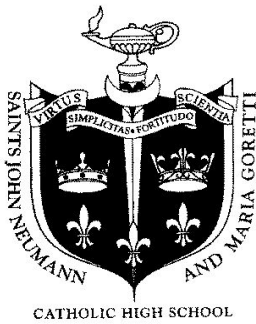
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b. Option 2 - Journal

- i. Create a personal journal about your service experience
 1. Minimum of 5 entries (3-4 paragraphs long)
 2. Entries should include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. History of the Organization
 - b. Reason for Choosing Organization
 - c. Memorable Moments
 - d. Tips for volunteering here
 - e. Interesting things you saw or experienced/People you met
 3. You should include pictures, maps, graphics, etc.
 4. Your journal entries may be done by hand for an authentic look, but should be neat and legible.
 5. Resources
 - a. A good tutorial may be found by going to the following website:
 - i. <http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-make-a-Travel-Journal/>
 - b. Pinterest has great examples of handmade journals

c. Option 3 - Children's book

- i. Create a children's book that teaches the joy of serving your community
 1. 6-10 pages
 2. Each page must include graphics, full sentences, be neat and presentable.
 3. Your story should reference your personal experience
 - a. Possible topics/themes that could be included:
 - i. History of the Organization
 - ii. Reason for Choosing Organization
 - iii. Memorable Moments
 - iv. Interesting things you saw or experienced
 - v. People you met
 4. Resources
 - a. Websites for creating a children's book
 - i. <https://www.storyjumper.com/>
 - ii. <https://www.mystorybook.com/>
 - b. Pinterest
 - i. Great ideas for creating children's books by hand. You DO NOT need to create either of these projects with a computer.



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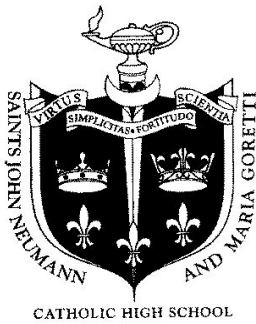
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Possible Service Locations

1. St. Francis Inn- an opportunity to help serve dinner to people in our city's community who are marginalized. 215-432-5845
2. Mount Nazareth- Spend time with the retired Sisters of the Nazareth community. Talk, laugh, play games...help make their day! (contact Sister Evangeline before June 30, 2016 at 215-338-8992)
3. Parish- Call your parish and find out if there is any opportunities for service available. 4. Clean-up- Contact a local organization or business and organize a group of friends to help clean up the environment
4. St. Christopher's Hospital for Children- Help uplift the day for a child. Give the gift of your time- 215-427-5000
5. Aid for Friends- Work in the kitchen, make and package your own meals, stuff envelopes or deliver meals to families (215-464-2224)
6. Philabundance- www.philabundance.org/volunteer/ The Food Bank offers volunteer hours of sorting and packing. Check out the website for the schedule and other volunteer information. Organize a group of your friends for this worthwhile cause.
7. Project H.O.M.E. – help in project H.O.M.E.'s mission to empower persons to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. To get more information about volunteering for Project H.O.M.E. at 215-232-7272
8. Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia- If you have any questions or concerns please contact <http://www.habitatphiladelphia.org/volunteer/individuals.php> or by telephone at 215-765-6000
9. Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House- info@vetsconforthouse.org (267-292-2052)
Bucks County Teenage Republic-bct.com
10. Cradles to Crayons -30 Clipper Road, W. Conshohocken, PA 19428 Telephone: 215.836.0958.
<https://cradlestocrayons.org/philadelphia/volunteer/families-and-individuals/>
11. Garden of Eden Dance Volunteer - 4442 Frankford Ave, 2nd fl auditorium, Phila, Pa. 19124 gardenofedenprodo@gmail.com.
12. Philadelphia Zoo: 215-243-5200.
<http://www.philadelphiazoo.org/Get-Involved/Volunteer.htm>
13. Reach out and Read: <http://www.reachoutandread.org/resource-center/find-a-program/>
14. Free Library of Philadelphia: <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/programs/volunteer/>
15. IN CHESTER: St. Katharine Drexel-1920 Providence Avenue, 19013; 610-872-3731
16. SPCA- <https://pspca.org/>
17. Volunteering at a hospital or summer camp is also acceptable as long as it is not a paid position.



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Documentation of Service Form

Student Name: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Student Number: _____ NHS Member (Y/N) _____

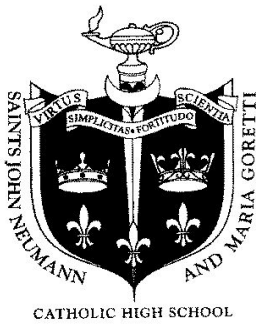
Agency	Date of Service	Total Hours	Supervisor name and e-mail	Supervisor Signature

**A supervisor cannot be a parent or a student

**Remember you will need 10 hours of service for the year (plus summer assignment hours)

**Scholarship students need 20-30 hours for the year, depending on their scholarship

On-Campus Work	Service to Church/Parish	Off Campus Service	Corporal Works of Mercy
Any extraordinary service done to the school outside of the normal obligations to a club or team. Examples include tutoring, Open House, Special Events, etc.	Volunteering at a church or parish. Service work here can include time served as an usher, cantor, or lector; however, this does not include simply being present at a church service. Vacation bible schools/camps, fundraisers, festivals, cleaning church buildings, assisting with faith based youth ministry, all are under this category.	Assisting with charities, community events, and civic organizations. This could be classified as events that might provide indirect support to those in need or the nonprofits that support them. Examples include setup/clean up of charity events, city festivals, work at a grades school, and environmental clean-ups.	Service striving to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, shelter to the homeless, visit the sick etc... This service should be directly serving and in solidarity with these populations. Mission trips, habitat for humanity, soup kitchens, and nursing homes are all examples of this kind of service.



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