

SUGGESTIONS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS

Corporal Works of Mercy

Call ahead of time to put your name on a master list, then sign in at the event.
Bring a copy of the "Tracking Form" with you.

Before making a commitment to a service project, think about the variety of ways in which you can use your talents and abilities to help others. These **suggestions** are only some of the ways others have chosen to serve. Perhaps something on this list will help you decide the kind of service you would like to perform. The list may give you some other ideas also and perhaps you have your own special kinds of services in mind.

Jesus said, "Here I am among you as one who serves"

Luke 22:27

Before

making your decision and commitment:

- pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance
- talk to your parents or guardians
- find out what the real needs of people in your parish, school or community are
- **remember service may not be done for any commercial business or relative**

- Choir performances (up to 7 1/2 hrs)
- Serve Mass (up to 7 1/2 hrs)
- Lector for Sunday Masses (15 hrs)
- Visit the elderly at home/nursing home
- Assist senior citizens with chores (non-relative)
- Baby-sit for someone who **needs** help
(must be a non-relative and a non-paying job)
- Organize or help with a recycling project
- Initiate a "clean-up" campaign (parish, school or park)
- Help a needy family
- Volunteer to work in a hospital
- Tutor after school
- Shop for an elderly neighbor (non-relative)
- Make Rosaries (Mrs. Howard 298-2567)
- Do yard work around St. Mary's with maintenance crew.
- Help at Parish hospitality Sundays (noted in Sunday Bulletin)
- Help at Parish covered dish dinners
- Help at Parish picnic
- Write cards or letters to hospitalized children/teens
- Collect food for the poor
- Help with a fund raising project for charitable organization
- Bordentown Elks-Breakfast for their Handicap Committee
On the 3rd Sunday every month - 9AM to Noon
Not July or August (call Mrs. Barbara Monk 298-6329)
- Help (with a parent) working in the Religious Ed Office over the summer.
- Help with Summer Vacation Bible School, preparing for it before time or during a week in August from 8:45am-12:15pm (actual VBS times 9am-12noon, M-F)
- Perform special services for the handicapped
- Prepare a meal or dessert for a family whose parent or child died
- Collect toys for poor children
- Read to or make audio tapes for the blind or elderly
- Help at C.E.R. Summer Program-must be 14 years old
(call C.E.R. at 298-9123 X1200 or X1202)
- Make gifts or favors for hospitals or nursing homes
- Prepare entertainment or holiday parties for nursing homes or child care centers
- Do volunteer work in a hospice
- Help in the school bookfair, library or cafeteria
- Write letters to government officials about justice issues
- Bake for a cake sale
- Work in a soup kitchen
- Work in a special education program
- Raise money for retirement funds for elderly religious sisters, brothers and priests
- Volunteer to read at a local Book Store or Public Library to children
- Coach or assist with young children's sports Activities
(Community non-profit)
- Help at E.D.P. (Clara Barton or Columbus school)
- Participate in the Bordentown CROP Walk
- Work at St. Mary's Food Pantry
- Help at St. Mary's EDP (until June 18th ...call Mrs. Kathy Rodenbaugh 291-8528)
- Work at St. Mary's Rosary Prayer Garden
(call Mrs. Barbara Schillaci at 291-8281)
- Serve as a teacher's aide during Religious Education Sundays
(not during your class time)
- Check your own Public School for areas you may serve.

The only payment you should accept is a gracious "Thank you!" in appreciation for a job well done.

Any of the above; it would be advisable for parents to assist or be there for safety sake, even if you know the people involved.
Ask if the service project has a NJ CAP, VIRTUS, or other Child Abuse Awareness Program affiliated with it, to be sure, this will help you decide if it is safe to leave your son or daughter, or not.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created; and You will renew the face of the earth. O God, who did teach the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen (Traditional Prayer to the Holy Spirit)