



CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Students of Pope John Paul II High School are required to complete Christian Service during each year they are a PJP student. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to imitate God's sacrificial love and recognize the face of Christ in "the least of our brothers and sisters" (Mt. 25:40). Christian Service is one concrete way in which we put our faith into action.

Who and Where to Serve: We participate in *Christian Service*: we follow Christ's example and serve those who are in need. The following are simply suggestions of whom and where to serve- students may serve other people in need.

- The elderly, homeless and needy, children and disabled, the sick
- A recognized non-profit agency such as a soup kitchen or social service agency
- Nursing homes, parks, and community centers
- Your church

What Counts as Christian Service? PJP's Christian Service Program asks students to leave their comfort zone and go out of their way to look for Christ in the needs of those around them. To that end, the following list of activities which do not meet the criteria for Christian Service at PJP has been compiled. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Service to either immediate or extended family members and/or friends
- ❖ Babysitting
- ❖ Pet sitting and animal service that does not directly benefit or involve an encounter with human person(s)
- ❖ Service for businesses or for-profit agencies
- ❖ Service for which a student accepted any sort of payment or remuneration for his/her service
- ❖ Service which requires a student to be absent from class
- ❖ Hours completed as part of the Christian Service Program are to be above and beyond other requirements/obligations. For example, the following do not count as Christian Service Hours:
 - Hours obtained through service with student teams/clubs/organizations which have a service component (such as Student Ambassadors, sports teams, National Honors Society, etc.)

Minimum Requirements: The following are the *minimum* number of hours which each student must complete after July 1st of each year as part of the Christian Service Program. These hours must be logged on MobileServe and be verified by the supervisor. Supervisors must be age 21 and older. Service hours which are logged but not verified will not count. For information on how to log Christian Service Hours on MobileServe, students should visit the "How to Log Christian Service Hours" presentation on the Christian Service Schoology Class. A brief reflection assignment pertaining to your service must also be completed and submitted using the link provided on Schoology under the "Christian Service" Class.

Freshmen	10 hours	Juniors	16 hours
Sophomores	12 hours	Seniors	20 hours

As students grow and mature over their four years at PJP, we encourage them to spend more and more time in the community and encountering Christ in our neighbors. Consequently, only half of the minimum number of hours may be rendered as altar servers, lectors, or musicians and Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors may only complete half of their total required Christian Service Hours at PJP sponsored events.

Failure to satisfactorily complete the minimum requirements of the Christian Service Program by the below date will result in failure of "Christian Service" for the 3rd quarter. An unsatisfactory grade in Christian Service, along with another academic failure, will result in the student not being allowed to participate in school sports or any school activity. Underclass failure to complete the minimum Christian Service requirements will be carried over to the next school year and rosters will be withheld until service hours have been submitted. No student will graduate until they complete their minimum Christian Service requirement.

At least the minimum required number of Christian Service Hours must be logged and verified on MobileServe and the reflection essay submitted on Schoology by Friday, March 1, 2024.