



**CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM (CSP):**

► All students must complete a total 75 hours of service work as a graduation requirement. These hours are to be separate from hours served for other organizations such as National Honor Society or Student Council.

► Service hours must be completed by the end of the first semester, Senior year.

► Students must complete a minimum of 15 hours per year their Freshman through Senior years, and a total of 75 hours before graduation. Hours in excess of the 15 hour minimum per year will count toward the total of 75 hours and may be completed during any year.

We serve others because Christ came to serve and taught us that the greatest in the kingdom of heaven is one who serves. It is a living out of our baptism and the universal call to holiness, whereby we put our faith into action and truly engage in ministry in the name of the Lord.

With that in mind, special emphasis should be given in the choice of service projects and organizations that are directly involved with the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy		The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy	
Feed the hungry	Give drink to the thirsty	Counsel the doubtful	Instruct the ignorant
Clothe the naked	Shelter the homeless	Admonish sinners	Comfort the afflicted
Visit the sick	Visit the imprisoned	Forgive offenses	Bear wrongs patiently
	Bury the dead		Pray for the living and the dead

Service opportunities will be classified in the following manner:

► St. Mary School System—activities that qualify for hours include assisting parent organizations; recruiting efforts; peer tutoring; office work; end of year tasks.

► Parish/Church—students can work on task specific projects in their own parish, church, or place of worship. Be sure to get projects approved in advance by the Campus Minister.

► Non-profit organizations—hospitals, nursing care centers, libraries, county shelters, youth programs are types of worthy organizations that can be helped. Students can tutor and mentor in the St. Mary School System.

The Campus Minister will maintain a list of approved non-profit organizations. Service at any new agencies needs to be pre-approved.

Other items that will not be given credit:

- service performed during school hours.
- work for which a student is paid.

Summer opportunities may include enrichment programs for children, camps for needy children, sports camps, community beautification projects, and other endeavors that allow for assistance in meeting specific community needs.

At the conclusion of a service experience, the student and the organization supervisor must complete a documentation form. Documentation forms are available at the Campus Minister’s office or on the St. Mary School System website ([www.smss.org](http://www.smss.org)). The Campus Minister will maintain a record of complete service hours.