



Service Program

In keeping with our mission, Sacred Heart Cathedral School seeks to partner with parents, surrounding parishes, and the greater Knoxville community to prepare our students to be disciples of Christ who influence a constantly changing world. Service to others is an integral part of Catholic identity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

“The duty to make oneself a neighbor to others and actively serving them becomes even more urgent when it involves the disadvantaged, in whatever area this may be. ‘As you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers, you did it to me.’” (Catholic Church 1932)

Corporal Works of Mercy, Types of Service, and Required Amounts of Service

The SHCS Service Program requires that service hours incorporate The Corporal Works of Mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the prisoners, and burying the dead.

In the 2024-25 school year, 6th-8th grade students are required to complete the following hours of service. **Students in 7th and 8th grade that would like to remain in or qualify for the National Junior Honor Society will need to complete at least half of the yearly service hours and submit them to homeroom teachers by Friday, December 20, 2024. Completed service hours for all Middle School students are due Tuesday, May 6, 2025.**

6th grade - 6 hours for the year

7th grade - 7 hours for the year

8th grade - 8 hours for the year

Students can receive credit for direct or indirect service. Direct Service involves face-to-face interactions with those who will benefit from the service. Indirect Service helps another indirectly. When completing indirect service, students are not personally interacting with those who are receiving the service. Example: A student who works at a soup kitchen serving meals performs direct service. A student who collects canned food to donate to a soup kitchen performs indirect service.

Students should complete a service hours documentation form, obtain the signature of a supervising adult (other than the student’s parent/guardian) verifying the completion of the service, and turn this form in to his/her homeroom teacher by the service hours deadline.



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"Faith in Action"

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Grading Period: _____ Date of Service: _____ (only one act of service per form)

Service Activity: _____ Hours: _____

Description:

Activity Supervisor's Signature (no parents): _____

Activity Supervisor (printed name): _____

Reflection: Please choose below which type of service you performed and reflect on that particular service.

Community Service: Please discuss how your service was a positive influence on the community which you were serving.

Works of Mercy: Please reflect on your service experience and tell which Corporal Works of Mercy you performed.

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