



Junior Theology:

Significant dates for Christian Service Learning Requirements and Projects

The Junior service learning project is a central aspect of the Mount Saint Joseph High School's mission statement and philosophy of education. The primary intention of this service project is to help students understand and appreciate that, in today's world, a loving, good person -- even alone -- can make a difference. This is an invitation to reach out and make a difference in the lives of others. In light of this courageous calling, the Junior service requirements for the **2015-2016** school year are as follows: Students must complete 40 hours of Christian Service during their Junior year. Service must be direct (with active and personal interaction) and must focus on a marginalized population (the poor, homeless, elderly, etc.) All service work must be approved by the Theology teacher before making the arrangements with an agency. Failure to complete one's service requirements and forms by the deadline(s) will result in a failing grade for the quarter and/or the year.

1st Quarter dates:

- Students must turn in to their Theology teacher a completed Community Service Contract that lists their intentions for completing the 40 hours of the service requirement.
- In addition, students' 1st Quarter project will involve three parts concerning their service work:
 - 1) "Cover Letter" to the agency where the student intends to serve his hours
 - 2) "Resume" concerning student's skills and talents as they relate to service
 - 3) Reflection Paper (on the student's gifts and talents as they relate to their choice of a service learning assignment)

Details concerning the 1st Quarter project will follow in a separate document.

Due date for Service Contract: Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Due date for 1st Quarter Project (cover letter, resume, and reflection paper): Monday, Oct. 12, 2015

2nd Quarter dates:

- The second quarter grade in Theology will be based on the successful completion of an oral presentation about the agency that the student is working with in pursuing his service learning requirements. Students must utilize assigned technological resources in this presentation.
- In addition, on the first day of presentations, all students must submit an Attendance Sheet indicating that they have completed at least half (20) of their required hours at their chosen site. This is intended to ensure that students are properly pacing themselves in completing their hours.

Due date for submitting 2nd quarter media presentation: Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Due dates for 2nd quarter media presentations: January 7-13, 2016

Due date for checking Attendance Sheets: Wednesday, January 6, 2016

3rd Quarter dates:

Due date for completion of student's 40 hours and completed Agency Evaluation form: Thursday, March 17, 2016.

If the student has worked for more than one agency, he must have a separate evaluation for each agency.

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Service Hours Requirements**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please realize that failure to complete the 40 hours of service and accompanying requirements will result in the student failing Theology for the year. Summer school and the completion of 40 hours of service over the summer must be completed before a student can move on to the Senior year.

Your signature below and the signature of your son indicate that you have both read and understand the service learning requirements and dates for Mount Saint Joseph.

Parent name - please print

Student name - please print

Parent/guardian signature

Student signature

Please return this page to the student's Junior Theology teacher by **Friday, September 11, 2015**.