

## Student Service Program

Saint Stanislaus' 700-mile walk was his way of putting his faith into action. In an attempt to help you put your faith into action, SSC maintains a student service program. You are required to participate in the service program each year you attend SSC. We distinguish between two types of service: **Direct Contact Service** and **Indirect Contact Service**.

**Direct Contact:** Service directly working with individuals or organizations that care for the poor, hungry or disadvantaged, the elderly, sick, disabled, or individuals with special needs.

**Examples:** Homeless shelter, food pantry work, hospital work, hospice care, mission trips, Boys and Girls Club, etc.

**Indirect Contact:** Service that does not involve direct interaction with individuals or organizations that serve the groups listed under direct hours of service.

**Examples:** fundraisers, walk-a-thons, animal shelter or veterinary care (not in contact with people), school/parish festivals or meals, wetland restoration, beach cleanup, bake sales, serving as an altar boy, etc.

**Final determination of direct/indirect service is made by the Service Program Coordinator.**

**7<sup>th</sup> graders** are asked to complete a minimum of **six (6) hours** of service work, with a minimum of three (3) accomplished through direct contact with individuals or organizations that care for those in need.

**8<sup>th</sup> graders** are asked to complete a minimum of **eight (8) hours** of service work, with a minimum of four (4) accomplished through direct contact with individuals or organizations that care for those in need.

**9<sup>th</sup> graders** are asked to complete a minimum of **ten (10) hours** of service work, with a minimum of six (6) accomplished through direct contact with individuals or organizations that care for those in need.

**10<sup>th</sup> graders** are asked to complete a minimum of **twelve (12) hours** of service work, with a minimum of ten (10) accomplished through direct contact with individuals or organizations that care for those in need.

**11<sup>th</sup> graders** are asked to complete a minimum of **sixteen (16) hours** of service work, with a minimum of twelve (12) accomplished through direct contact with individuals or organizations that care for those in need.

**12<sup>th</sup> graders** are asked to complete a minimum of **twenty (20) hours** of service work, with a minimum of fifteen (15) of those accomplished through direct contact with individuals or organizations that care for those in need.

### Accountability

You have the responsibility of submitting a "Service Record" sheet signed and dated by an adult supervisor **within 30 days** of the completion of each service project.

In order to encourage consistent volunteering throughout the year, there will be **two deadlines:** one before the first semester exam week and the other before the week of final exams. **The first deadline requires that at least half of the direct service hours need to be completed.**

A reflection question on your service experiences will be included on each semester Religion exam. To ensure accountability, you will not be allowed to take your semester religion exam if you have not completed the required amount of service hours.

Service hours must be completed at a non-profit organization/agency after school hours, on weekends, and/or during summer and vacation periods. Private residences and businesses do not qualify as sites for service. If the service opportunity you are interested in is not for a non-profit, it must be pre-approved by the Service Program Coordinator.