

Community Service

at

Marian Catholic High School

Things to Know About the Community Service Program at MCHS

Community service hours are integral to the mission of Marian Catholic High School.

Where to serve

- *Parish/Church* - You can apply the following to your service requirement: worker for parish picnics and festivals, CCD assistant, church office work, CYO volunteer.
- *Community* - Service to the community at large, especially to the poor, sick, elderly and uneducated will qualify: Soup kitchens, tutoring, Big Brother/Big Sister, Habitat for Humanity, nursing homes, hospitals.
- *The Marian Cares Project* - Throughout the year, social and cultural outreach is made available through The Marian Cares Project. These MCP-specific projects are performed in conjunction with homeless and poverty outreach programs in the local community.

Approval of Service Work

- All hours performed for a non-profit charitable organization may include: your parish, Catholic and non-Catholic charitable organizations, CYO and other youth sports organizations, or community organizations outside the school. All service should support the mission of the Catholic Church. See your theology department: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Matunis, and/or Miss Martini for clarification.
- Students cannot receive any form of payment or other remuneration for service hours.
- All Christian community service must be for an organization outside of your home and not for personal relatives (exceptions should be addressed to the Coordinator of Service). In some way, this service should make the Gospel message of Jesus Christ visible to you, as the servant, and to those you are serving.
- All community service forms that fulfill the minimum requirement for a student's class year need to be submitted to Mrs. Matunis, Coordinator of Service **no later than April 30th each year.**
- **FAILURE TO TURN IN SERVICE HOURS BY APRIL 30th WILL RESULT IN BEING DEEMED INELIGIBLE FOR ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Per MCHS Student Handbook)**
- If a student completes his/her service during the summer, his/her forms should be turned in to Mrs. Matunis, Coordinator of Service **by September 30th each year.** If the service is done on multiple days the paper can contain the multiple dates, however, it must still be handed in one calendar month after the final date listed on the form.

All questions pertaining to the acceptability of community service should be addressed to the Coordinator of Service, Director of Campus Ministry, or the Chaplain.

Planning Your Community Service

1. Service hours completed during the summer months are applied to the next school year (i.e., Joe worked a CYO Basketball camp from June 20-24, 2023. Those hours will be applied to the 2023-24 school year.)
2. Minimum Number of Community Service Hours:
 - Freshmen – 10 hours
 - Sophomores – 20 hours
 - Juniors – 20 hours
 - Seniors – 30 hours
3. Students who actively participate in The Marian Cares Project can fulfill their community service requirement for the year. Approval for a student meeting his/her community service requirement through The Marian Cares Project is determined by the Coordinator for the Marian Cares Project. Please make sure that the MCP Coordinator signs your Service Hours Evaluation Form if you have participated in The Marian Cares Project.
4. Community service hours are integral to a student's time at Marian Catholic High School. Students who neglect to complete their service hours and return the necessary paperwork to the Campus Ministry Office by the April 30th deadline will be deemed **INELIGIBLE FOR ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**. Additionally, if a student does not complete their hours by the end of the school year, they will receive 10 detentions to be served after the end of the academic year in the summer. Also, students may not receive their report card at the end of the year, and seniors may not graduate.

Any questions about your service requirement should be addressed to the Coordinator of Service, Campus Minister, or the Chaplain.

Recording your Service

If a student completes his/her service hours during the summer, he/she should turn them in to the Chaplain by **September 30th**. It is the student's responsibility to complete the hours of service and record the hours on the Service Hours form. Upon completing the service form, please submit to the Campus Ministry Office **no later than one calendar month after the last date of service on the form was completed**. If your service is performed in more than one place, you must have an individual form for all service hours at a single location to be added to your Community Service record. Additional forms are in the Campus Ministry Room and outside Mrs. Matunis's classroom, or on the Campus Ministry page of the Marian Catholic website www.mariancatholichs.org. For your hours to be added to your record, please be certain your forms are filled out completely and accurately.

The record of student service hours will be recorded by the Campus Ministry department.

Marian Catholic High School
Community Service Hours Fulfillment Evaluation
2023-2024 School Year

Student's Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

Theology Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

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Date of Service: _____ **Number of Hours Served** _____

Name of Organization / Person Served: _____

Description of the student's community service that was fulfilled: _____

Name of Supervisor/Coordinator of the Service Site: _____

Evaluation/Comments by Supervisor/Coordinator: _____

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Service Site Coordinator Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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_____ *Hours towards the Marian Cares Project –Immaculate Heart Service Society*

Coordinator of Community Service Signature _____ *Date* _____

Mrs. Mary Matunis