

## **Community Service Options 2020 - 2021**

Due to the unprecedented times in which we are living, community service MAY be done a little bit differently this year. Each class (freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior) will be given the opportunity to complete a specific service project OR to complete a traditional service project.

The class project will be a letter writing campaign (see specific instructions below). Of course, students still have the option to complete a traditional, in-person service project. In addition, students may choose to complete a virtual/online service project. By using one of these three types of service, each student at SRA will have the opportunity to complete community service even in these trying times.

### **Option 1: Class service projects**

These projects are open to everyone. Each grade level will be assigned different letter writing campaigns. The requirements are specific to each grade level.

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade (Class of 2024): Senior Centers/Assisted Living Facilities**

Compose a Letter to a person living in a Senior Citizen Center or an Assisted Living Facility

##### **Requirements:**

- The letter must be no less than 3 paragraphs long.
- Get approval from your Theology teacher by submitting your letter text via One Note in your Community Service tab. Once you receive approval, you may create your letters.
- Letters should be handwritten.
- Letters should be written on cards, stationary, or homemade cards. Homemade cards should be made on blank paper and include appropriate artwork.
- Send 5 letters. You may send the same letter to five different addresses; however, each one must be handwritten.
- Take a photo of all 5 of your letters. Take another photo of you mailing your letters. These photos will be used for your project.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade (Class of 2023): Hospital Workers in the ICU**

Compose a Letter to a person working at one of our local Intensive Care Units (They may or may not be helping COVID-19 patients; however, all of them are caring for the critically ill).

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- Get approval from your Theology teacher by submitting your letter text via One Note in your Community Service tab. Once you receive approval, you may create your letters.
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### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade (Class of 2022):** EMTs and Firemen

Compose a Letter to a person who serves the community as an Emergency Medical Technician or Firefighter. These men and women are first responders and are overwhelmed during this time dealing with usual emergencies as well as those that are a direct result of COVID-19.

#### **Requirements:**

- The letter must be no less than 5 paragraphs long.
- Get approval from your Theology teacher by submitting your letter text via One Note in your Community Service tab. Once you receive approval, you may create your letters.
- Letters should be handwritten.
- Letters should be written on cards, stationary, or homemade cards. Homemade cards should be made on blank paper and include appropriate artwork.
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### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Class of 2021):** Military Personnel (currently deployed)

Compose a Letter to a member of the US military who is currently deployed (serving away from the US). More information about the branch of service will be provided once you compose your initial letter and receive addresses for your letters.

#### **Requirements:**

- The letter must be no less than 5 paragraphs long.
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### **Option 2: In-person projects:**

**NOTE: This year, service to family members MAY be counted if it directly relates to the hardships that all families are facing due to COVID-19. For example, if you are caring for an elderly family member by volunteering to do their shopping or if you are helping your parents by completing homeschooling or distance learning with your younger siblings, this service will count. If you have questions, see your Theology teacher or Mrs. Gaffney-Hsu (Theology Chairperson).**

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### **Possible locations/ideas for in-person service:**

- Churches/Parishes: CCD teacher, vacation Bible school, nursery aid, altar server, choir, sacristan, etc.
- Soup Kitchen: Pawtucket Soup Kitchen is still using volunteers. See Mr. Vargas at Campus Ministry for more information.
- Food Pantries: The food pantries throughout the state are still looking for volunteers.
- Big Brother/Big Sister
- My Brother's Keeper
- Habitat for Humanity

### **Option 3: Online service projects**

There are many organizations that are offering virtual service projects. Here are just a few websites that you can explore to find virtual service opportunities.

<https://www.careeraddict.com/online-volunteering-opportunities>

<https://www.pointsoflight.org/diy-volunteer-projects/>

<https://www.pointsoflight.org/virtual-volunteering-opportunities/>