

# PRESENTATION ACADEMY THEOLOGY SERVICE

## 2022-2023

The service program is based on the mission of Catherine Spalding to work for justice in solidarity with oppressed peoples, especially the economically poor and women, and to take care of the earth.

- **What is Direct Service?** Volunteering with those living in poverty, the marginalized, elderly, and disabled or working for agencies that support them. In addition, all environmental projects are direct service.
- **What is Indirect Service?** This includes helping neighbors, parish or church events (including summer Bible schools and retreats), coaching, walking or raising money for fundraisers, Open House, phonathons, working with animals, etc.

### Overview of Program:

Service is a vital part of each student's educational experience and the completion of service hours is a required component for all levels of theology. Students are responsible for verification and assessment of the completed hours on MobileServe using their Pres email account. All service hours must be completed either during the summer or after school beginning on June 1, 2022. Failure to complete the required hours could result in a failing grade for theology and the student will be required to do 10 extra hours over the summer for theology credit.

### Number of Required Hours:

**Freshmen:** 10 hours of indirect service.

**Sophomores:** 15 hours of indirect service.

**Juniors:** 20 hours of direct service at one non-profit works of mercy agency in the community.

**Seniors:** 25 hours of direct service at one non-profit social justice agency in the community.

### BASIC GUIDELINES FOR PLACEMENT: STUDENT SERVICE

- Must directly benefit people in need and reflect Christian values as described in the Corporal Works of Mercy: **feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, and bury the dead.**
- Must be supervised by an adult in the service agency and documented by the on-site supervisor. The supervisor/signee **cannot be a relative of the student.**
- No service hours will be accepted volunteering for your own family, grandparents, etc.
- You cannot "Double Dip." If your hours count for NHS or NAHS, you cannot also include them for theology service.
- Agencies not on the list **require pre-approval** by a Theology teacher before beginning service or the service coordinator, Beth Freeman at [bfreeman@presentationacademy.org](mailto:bfreeman@presentationacademy.org)

### EXAMPLES OF APPROVED AGENCIES

Active Day, Americana, Backside Learning Center at Churchill Downs, Catholic Charities, Catholic Enrichment Center, Cabbage Patch, Cathedral Soup Kitchen, Christian Health Center, Churchill Park School, Camp Marc, Down Syndrome of Louisville, Earth and Spirit Center, Educational Justice, Gilda's Club, Heuser Hearing Institute, Home of the Innocents, Just Creations, KY Refugee Ministries, Kling Center, LFOL's English Conversation Club, Lifehouse, Life Span Resources, Mariposa, Nazareth Home, St. Vincent DePaul, St. Elizabeth's, Treyton Oak Towers, Wesley House.

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