

Gloucester Catholic High School

Service Overview

For information on the GCHS Service program & necessary forms, including a rationale for our service program, please visit our website & follow the prompt from “Student Life” to “Service” on the drop down menu

Freshman year & sophomore year do a service retreat day with the aim of providing intensive service to an agency with great need, as well as an immersion experience and community building exercise for the students.

Juniors & Seniors are required to do 20 hours in the school year (5 per quarter) as part of their religion class. Completion of the hours results in full credit (20% of the quarterly grade). Seniors may also opt for a Service learning elective where they provide 60 hours during their senior year, as well as regular meeting & assignments for reflection. Service hours are tracked by the individual teacher through placement evaluations.

Placements for all GC service must meet the following criteria & be approved by the Director of Christian Service:

Sites should be non-profit & engaged in activities that are not contrary to Catholic teaching.

- A contact person/supervisor must be provided for each student at a given placement. Students may not provide service to family members or have a family member as a supervisor.
- Students must be under adult supervision at all times.
- Students must receive proper orientation to the task(s) they will be undertaking.
- Students must keep a time sheet & supervisors provide an evaluation of the student's performance.

A special preference should be given to placements that are Catholic (e.g., Catholic schools, day care, social service agencies) and/or reflect Christian values and principles.

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