2018-2019
Family Service Learning
“ADDITIONAL RESOURCE INFO”

“FAITH IN ACTION IS LOVE—AND LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE.”
St. Teresa of Calcutta

from Seton Youth & Children’s Ministries
YOU, as FAMILIES in the Seton community, have LOTS of opportunities to answer your baptismal call to SERVE OTHERS. All you may need is some support and guidance... “SAG” as we call it!

This packet is an effort to provide you as Parents (the primary educators of the faith for your children) with ADDITIONAL information to enable you to plan your FAMILY SERVICE LEARNING activities.

Each family is EXPECTED to complete at least one Service Learning Activity each year...although we hope that you will enjoy them so much, you will do MORE!

GOAL OF SERVICE LEARNING ACTIVITIES:
TO GET FAMILIES THINKING ABOUT DIFFERENT WAYS TO ANSWER THEIR BAPTISMAL CALL TO “SERVE OTHERS” AND TO FOSTER IN THEM A DESIRE TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE WITH THEIR FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, PARISH AND CIVIC COMMUNITY...to MAKE FAITH CONNECTIONS!!!

Let us know how we may assist you.
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Included in this “ADDITIONAL RESOURCE INFORMATION” packet

- Justice resource information
  - What the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about Social Doctrine
  - Excerpts from the introduction of “Caritas in Veritate” — by Pope Benedict XVI
  - Other Things to Think About...
  - Biblical Foundations of Justice
  - Website resource information
  - Developmental Needs of Younger and Older Adolescents
  - 7 key themes of Catholic Social Teaching
  - 7 Steps of Justice
  - Possible ways to serve

PLEASE see the Seton “Family Service Learning Guide” for the nuts and bolts of providing your family with an effective Service Learning Experience on the YM webpage www.setonparish.org/YM

- Research
- Planning
- Setting a Date
- Safe Environment
- FAMILY Preparation
- Theological Reflection – Tips on processing
- Support from Seton YM & CM staff
- Possible SERVICE SITE List

Follow up Evaluation Process
“Christian revelation...promotes deeper understanding of the laws of social living.” The Church receives from the Gospel the full revelation of the truth about man. When she fulfills her mission of proclaiming the Gospel, she bears witness to man, in the name of Christ, to his dignity and his vocation to the communion of person. She teaches him the demands of justice and peace in conformity with divine wisdom.

The Church makes a moral judgment about economic and social matters, “when the fundamental rights of the person or the salvation of souls requires it.” In the moral order she bears a mission distinct from that of political authorities: The Church is concerned with the temporal aspects of the common good because they are ordered to the Sovereign Good, our ultimate end. She strives to inspire right attitudes with respect to earthly goods and in socio-economic relationships.

The social doctrine of the Church developed in the nineteenth century when the Gospel encountered modern industrial society with its new structures for the production of consumer goods, its new concept of society, the state and authority, and its new forms of labor and ownership. The development of the doctrine of the Church on economic and social matters attests the permanent value of the church’s teaching at the same time as it attests the true meaning of her Tradition, always living and active.

“Charity in truth, to which Jesus Christ bore witness by his earthly life and especially by his death and resurrection, is the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity. Love – caritas – is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God, Eternal Love and Absolute Truth. Each person finds his good by adherence to God’s plan for him, in order to realize it fully; in this plan, he finds his truth, and through adherence to this truth he becomes free (cf. Jn 8:22). To defend the truth, to articulate it with humility and conviction, and to bear witness to it in life are therefore exacting and indispensable forms of charity. Charity, in fact, “rejoices in the truth” (1 Cor 13:6). All people feel the interior impulse to love authentically: love and truth never abandon them completely, because these are the vocation planted by God in the heart and mind of every human person. The search for love and truth is purified and liberated by Jesus Christ from the impoverishment that our humanity brings to it, and he reveals to us in all its fullness the initiative of love and the plan for true life that God has prepared for us. In Christ, charity in truth becomes the Face of his Person, a vocation for us to love our brothers and sisters in the truth of his plan. Indeed, he himself is the Truth (cf. Jn 14:6).”

“Another important consideration is the common good. To love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it. Besides the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of “all of us”, made up of individuals, families and intermediate groups who together constitute society. It is a good that is sought not for its own sake, but for the people who belong to the social community and who can only really and effectively pursue their good within it. To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity. To take a stand for the common good is on the one hand to be solicitous for, and on the other hand to avail oneself of, that complex of institutions that give structure to the life of society, juridically, civilly, politically and culturally, making it the polis, or city.

The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them...”

(Pope Benedict XVI encyclical letter, released 2009)
FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

In our lifestyle choices—we witness to our beliefs!!!

Consciously choosing a simpler, more ecological lifestyle puts us in greater SOLIDARITY with the vast majority of the world...who lack the options we take for granted. This prophetic rejection of our consumerist culture internally fosters greater compassion, prayer, and dedication while calling others to honestly examine their assumptions, values, and priorities.

www.simpleliving.org  www.permaculture.net
www.earthministry.org

LIVE SIMPLY, LIVE ECOLOGICALLY

- Where were the clothes in your closet made?
- How many friends do you have who were born in a different country? ...who are a different race? ...
- whose first language is not English? ...
- Do you buy Fair Trade products?
- Do you look at labels on things like coffee and chocolate to see if they are fair trade?
- Do you make sure the clothes you wear are “sweat-free”?
- Would you know how to find out if they are “sweat-free”?
- Have you ever spoken up for someone whose voice was not being heard?
- Have you ever called or emailed Senators or Representatives about how you think they should vote on a particular issue which concerns the vulnerable in our society?

Conscious Consumer…. BEING MORE, NOT HAVING MORE

Opening Prayer: O God, awaken us to the challenges of this day. Open our eyes to the pervasiveness of consumerism that we might see our culture, the Church, and ourselves in your divine light. Remind us that you are the source of our hope and the giver of all that is good. You alone are worthy of our praise. Bring us to new life, that we might be your people. Amen.

Our tradition calls us to see the world in new ways – to reject the blindness of our age. What is in question is the advancement of persons, not just the multiplying of things that people can use. It is a matter – as a contemporary philosopher has said and as the Council has stated – not so much of “having more” as of “being more.”

(Pope St. John Paul 11, Redemptor Hominis, #16)

Prayer:
O God, we confess to you that we have sinned.

In our lust for lifeless objects and our relentless pursuit for more, we sometimes cross the line to idolatry. We seek salvation in spiritless things...worship you for our own gratification...and see ourselves and each other as mere consumers and commodities.

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned.

In your mercy, raise us from the dead. Breathe new life into us, your people. Empower us to be a prophetic community, living the gospel of Jesus.

Create in us a consuming passion to love and serve you. Amen.
…to experience denial of access to land, water, and to basic opportunities to create a better life.
…to experience the lack of the basic necessities of employment, shelter, food, health care; it is to experience that survival is always a struggle and that one’s economic human rights are ignored.
…to experience what it means to be insignificant or undesirable for whatever reason; gender, sexual identity, class, race, lack of education, lack of material goods, past history or reputation.
…to experience being pushed away or excluded from society... to lack social and political power and to experience inability to participate in decision-making processes.
…to experience being a faceless person, someone without a name, someone whose reality is invisible to the majority of people, someone whose life does not matter to people with power and money, and perhaps not to anyone in the global community.
...to come to believe that not only is this the way things are...but that this is the way things are supposed to be.

POVERTY IS...

SAINTS who serve.... Our Catholic Faith Tradition has MANY, MANY models of those who use their gifts in service with the poor and marginalized. (Be sure to check them out online)

www.catholic.org/saints/  www.educationforjustice.org

www.franciscanmedia.org/patron-saints-for-modern-challenges/

SCRIPTURE VERSES - THAT RELATE TO SERVICE AND USING OUR GIFTS:
1 Corinthians 13:4 -10  1 Corinthians 12:14-20  1 Corinthians 13:11-13  1 Corinthians 12:  4-11

...still THINKING???

- Why is it that faith “leads us beyond ourselves”?
- How can this be possible... because prayer is so personal and individual?
- Why would you call inactive faith ‘dead’?
- In what ways does your faith affect the service work that you do?
- In what ways has your service work affected your faith?
- How is your service work related to your witness to the “truth” to which Pope Benedict XVI has missioned us? (see “Caritas in Veritate”)
- How does faith “inspire and direct [your] thinking, activity, decisions, and responsibilities towards others”? “Lumen Fidei—Light of Faith” Pope Francis
- Does service help you to think about deeper issues, such as causes of injustice?... In what ways????
**BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS of JUSTICE**

| Justice is revealed in scripture as God’s nature and action | In the Old Testament God is revealed to us as the liberator of the oppressed and the defender of the poor, demanding from people faith and justice towards one’s neighbor. It is only in the observance of the duties of justice that God is truly recognized as the liberator of the oppressed.  
* (World Synod of Bishops, *Justitia in Mundo*, 1971, #30.) |
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| Justice is symbolized and measured by fidelity to the Covenant | Biblical faith in general, and prophetic faith especially, insist that fidelity to the covenant joins obedience to God with reverence and concern for neighbors. The biblical terms which best summarize this double dimension of Israel’s faith are *sedeqah*, justice (also translated as righteousness), and *mishpat* (right judgment or justice embodied in a concrete act of deed).  
* (USCCB, *Economic Justice for All*, 1987, #37) |
| Prophets rise up to call the people to return to God and to remember the demands of justice | When the people turn away from the living God to serve idols and no longer heed the commands of the covenant, God sends prophets to recall his saving deeds and to summon them to return to the one who betrothed them “in right and in justice, in love and in mercy” (Hosea 2:21). The substance of prophetic faith is proclaimed by Micah: “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8)  
* (USCCB, *Economic Justice for All*, 1987, #37) |
| Jesus is God’s love incarnate and God’s justice enacted in the flesh as the “new and everlasting covenant” | By His action and teaching, Christ united in an indivisible way the relationship of people to God and the relationship of people to each other. Christ lived his life in the world as a total giving of Himself to God for the salvation and liberation of people. In His preaching He proclaimed the fatherhood of God towards all people and the intervention of God’s justice on behalf of the needy and the oppressed (Luke 6:21-23). In this way, He identified Himself with His “least ones,” as He stated: “As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me (Matthew 25:40).  
* (World Synod of Bishops, *Justitia in Mundo*, 1971, #31.) |
| Justice is the hallmark of our discipleship. Justice is demanded of those who are baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. | According to the Christian message our relationship to our neighbor is bound up with our relationship to God; our response to the love of God, saving us through Christ, is shown to be effective in his love and service of people. Christian love of neighbor and justice cannot be separated. For love implies an absolute demand for justice - namely a recognition of the dignity and rights of one’s neighbor. Justice attains its inner fullness only in love. Because every person is truly a visible image of the invisible God and a sibling of Christ, the Christian finds in every person God Himself and God’s absolute demand for justice and love.  
* (World Synod of Bishops, *Justitia in Mundo*, 1971, #34.) |

**What is Jesus revealing about our own call to be people of Love and Justice in the following scriptures?**

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WEB RESOURCE INFORMATION

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www.fairtradeusa.org
Fair Trade website – for goods and resources which are offered WITHOUT the use of slave labor.

www.educationforjustice.org
Education for Justice website – register as an online member for access to articles, resources, education and activities related to peace and justice.

www.paxchristiusa.org
Pax Christi USA—peace & justice issues in the church and world.

www.usccb.org
GREAT info from the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

www.vatican.va
Vatican website

www.uscouncilofcatholicschools.org
A way to donate to hunger relief with a click!

Set up an account with www.SIGNUP.COM
For various volunteer ops with Seton!

www.catholicfaithondemand.org
Catholic Faith on demand: use code ABWVX7.

www.americanatholic.org/features/saintofday
Saint of the day provided by St. Anthony Messenger publishing – saints are our models of living justice and proclaiming peace!!!

www.setonparish.org
Be sure to watch the Seton Parish Website for possible Service Activities!!!
## The Developmental Needs of Younger Adolescents

### Opportunities for Self-Definition
- opportunities to better understand, define and accept who they are
- opportunities to explore their widening social world and to reflect upon the meaning of new experiences, so that they can consider themselves participants in society
- opportunities for young adolescents of ethnic cultures to achieve a positive orientation toward their own culture and American culture; to affirm their ethnicity through observation of ceremonies, retention of native language, reinforcement of specific attitudes, beliefs and practices

### Competence and Achievement
- opportunities to find out what they are good at doing and to know what they do is valued by others whom they respect
- opportunities that encourage the practice of new skill, public performance and recognition, and reflection on personal and group accomplishments

### Positive Social Interaction with Adults and Peers
- opportunities to develop interpersonal skills and form positive peer relationships and support, especially through programming.
- opportunities to learn how to develop a relationship with their parents that is reflective of their growing autonomy and utilizes new patterns of communication
- opportunities for caring relationships with adults who like and respect them, who share their own experiences, values, and feelings and who serve as role models and advisors

### Meaningful Participation in Families, Schools, Churches and Community
- opportunities to participate in making decisions about activities that shape their lives and to contribute to the success of those activities as leaders or participants.
- opportunities to participate as valued members and leaders in the church’s life and ministries
- opportunities for exposure to situations in which they can use their skills to solve real life problems and affect the world around them, such as community service programs

### Physical Activity
- opportunities to utilize their energy and growing bodies through activities that require physical movement or expression

### Creative Expression
- opportunities to express to the external world who they are on the inside (feelings, interests, abilities, thoughts) through a variety of activities

### Personal Religious Experience
- opportunities to explore “the big questions” in life, questions whose answers can only be comprehended within the context of faith and religion
- opportunities for a deeper and more personal relationship with God

### Structure and Clear Limits
- provision of structure and guidance for young adolescents that 1) helps them make decisions about their behavior, 2) that helps them feel safe in their activities, 3) which can empower them to live with joy and confidence
## Developmental Needs of Older Adolescents

### Exploration and Experimentation
- opportunities to experiment with a wide array of behaviors, roles, attitudes, relationships, ideas, and activities as they develop their own identity and faith identity
- opportunities to explore who they are and who they can become in relation to others
- opportunities for youth of ethnic cultures to achieve a positive orientation toward their own culture and American culture; to affirm their ethnicity through observation of ceremonies, native language, and reinforcement of specific attitudes, beliefs and practices

### Adult Sexuality
- opportunities to understand their sexual growth and integrate their sexuality into his or her personality in a holistic way
- opportunities to develop healthy values and attitudes regarding their own sexuality

### Interpersonal Relationships
- opportunities to form positive relationships and experiences with peers in comfortable and secure environment and to develop friendship-making and friendship–maintaining skills
- opportunities to learn how to develop a relationship with parents that is reflective of their growing autonomy and utilizes new patterns of communication

### Meaningful Roles in the Community and Society
- opportunities to participate with other older adolescents as full members and leaders in the community, society and church
- opportunities to explore and act on local and global justice issues and to be involved in community service and actions for justice

### Preparing for the Future
- opportunities to acquire the competencies necessary for adult roles, such as goal setting, problem solving, time management, and decision making
- opportunities to explore life options and plan their futures (education, career) and to help them acquire the skills, knowledge and experience for their chosen fields

### Personal Value System and Decision-Making Skills
- opportunities to discuss conflicting values and formulate their own value system
- opportunities to gain knowledge and experience in making decisions and to apply Christian moral values in making moral judgments

### Personal Faith
- opportunities to explore and question the faith they have been given by family and the faith community and develop their own faith identity
- opportunities to explore what it means to be and live as a person of faith today
- opportunities to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ

### Adult Mentors
- opportunities to develop relationships with adult Christians who affirm their journey and struggles, explore sensitive issues with them, listen to their stories and questions, share their own faith journey, and ask questions that encourage critical thinking and reflection
The Church’s Catholic Social Teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and Episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we wish to highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic Social Teaching tradition. (This summary should only be a starting point...)

**Life and Dignity of the Human Person** – The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity for the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. We believe that every person is precious, that **people are more important than things**, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

**Call to Family, Community and Participation** – The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. **We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society**, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

**Rights and Responsibilities** – The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, **every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency**. **Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities**—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

**Option for the Poor and Vulnerable** – A basic moral test of a society, is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

**The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers** – The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God’s creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—**the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative**.

**Solidarity** – We are our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, wherever they live. **We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences**. Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that “loving our neighbor” has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

**Care for God’s Creation** – We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. **We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation**. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.
7 Steps of Justice

First - OPEN YOUR EYES!  Who are vulnerable?  Who can lead me to them?  The poor, the homeless, etc. are more than statistics...They are God’s creation and treasure.

Second - DO GOD’S AGENDA.  Your work or activity may seem insignificant (in society’s eyes) but in God’s eyes what is important is how your faith grows and what you become as a result.

Third - PRACTICE MERCY.  Jesus never decided who was deserving/undeserving.  The child molester, the invalid, the addict, the unproductive people in our society scream out for our presence and attention.  God is always there in the people you and I are tempted to “write off” and “throw away” - who am I to disregard and say “you don’t deserve the same attention as our hard working, law abiding, productive people.”

Fourth - JUSTICE SHOULD BE RELATIONSHIP CENTERED, not activity centered.  When I see it as “us” and “them” I am tempted to do “for” you.  I am blind to your real need and pay more attention to what makes me feel good.  Focused on our “doing” I see you as the “one I do to/for.”  The attitude of “I have more” to give to “you who have less” will not allow me to enter in relationship with you - I stand above you; I want to change your reality/experience.  Justice says you are not just a person who receives from me but you are a person who enters with me in this work.

Fifth - FIND THE CAUSES, by looking further into the issues we address.  It also demands that we reflect on our experiences of service (charity or otherwise) to see what God is saying to us in them.  Those are times when we will be stretched.  What does this experience teach me about our system?  About people?  About myself?  If we ask these questions, we go into each service experience with new insight and better awareness.

Sixth - EXAMINE YOUR LIFESTYLE.  Is the way I live and consume reflective of my concern for the vulnerable and marginalized?  Is my agenda so “activity packed,” that I have no room to be empty?  Society says our closets must be cluttered; our schedules must be “packed” if we are to be successful, productive people.  This is contradictory to Jesus’ challenge.  Jesus doesn’t knock being rich.  Jesus knocks being blind.  Does my drive to possess things and time, strangle me or distance me from those in the world that live without so much?

Seventh - HOPE.  Hope is not passively waiting for something to happen or change.  Hope is seeing every opportunity to make justice reign!  In any situation, practice believing love is stronger than sin.  You
“Jesus wanted to show us his heart as the heart that loved so deeply. God loved us, he loved us with such great love. I am thinking of what St. Ignatius told us... he pointed out two criteria on love.

The first: Love is expressed more clearly in actions than in words.
The second: There is greater love in giving than in receiving.”

“These two criteria are like the pillars for true love: DEEDS, and the GIFT OF SELF.”

Pope Francis

“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them ‘Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,’ but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone may say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. You believe that God is one, You do well. Even the demons believe that, and tremble. For just as a body without spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”

James 2:14-19, 26

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Annual Parish, Community, Local and National Events:  (copy and paste links into your browser)

   “Hike for Life” – Sept. 22 @ JP2 HS – raise funds for Pro-Life efforts – Contact Knights of Columbus
   “40 Days for Life” – kicks off Sept. 26  40@prolifedallas.org
Oct:  “Seton Gala”—Oct. 6  Contact Cindy Christenson  cchristenson@eseton.org  to offer help in prep for the event
   “Women’s Club Bazaar”  Oct. 11 & 13  - contact Toni Gardiner for details  tintig61@gmail.com
   “TEAM” 5th grade retreat—Oct. 28  HS teens and parents needed  Contact Jeri Phillips  jphillips@eseton.org
Nov:  “World Kindness Day” – Nov. 3  create ways to spread kindness –  www.randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day
   “First Reconciliation Pizza Night” - Nov. 12 & 13— Contact Denise Gilbert X 4264  dgilbert@eseton.org
   “National Family Volunteer Day” – Nov. 17  families serving together  www.pointsoflight.org
   “Seton Service Days” – Nov. 17 — watch for registration at  www.setonparish.org/seton-service-days
Dec:  “CM Advent Workshop” - Dec. 2 -  Contact Denise Gilbert X 4264  dgilbert@eseton.org
   “International Volunteer Day”  – create your own event –
      Dec. 5  – www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-volunteer-day
   “Giving Tree Sort” – Dec. 6  6:30–8:30pm  HS teens—Contact Jeri in the Seton YM office  jphillips@eseton.org
   Help with other Giving Tree things Nov. 18~Dec. 5—Marilyn Ramsey  mpramsey1@verizon.net
   “Christmas Art & Environment” – Contact Mary Wojcik 972-964-2469 X 4228  mwojcik@eseton.org
   Various days prior to Christmas and after Christmas
Jan:  “Poverty Awareness Month” –  www.usccb.org/cchd/povertyusa.org
   “Roe Memorial Event” at Cathedral—Jan. 19 - watch for more info closer to event  www.prolifedallas.org
   “Hotdogs for Habitat” - Jan. 20 10am–2pm – contact Jeri in YM  jphillips@eseton.org
Feb:  “SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” - Feb. 2 & 3 at all Masses and beyond! – contact Jeri in YM  jphillips@eseton.org
   “Mardi Gras Celebration” — room set up Mar. 4, event Mar. 5  Contact Jeri Phillips  jphillips@eseton.org
   “Lenten Soup Suppers”—Friday’s Mar. 8–Apr. 12  5–8pm - Mary Wojcik 972-964-2469 X 4228  mwojcik@eseton.org
   “First Communion Workshop” Mar. 30  - Contact Denise Gilbert X 4264  dgilbert@eseton.org
      Teens work with families and kids in groups sessions...may lead some activities
   “Palm Sunday/Easter Art & Environment” –Contact Mary Wojcik 972-964-2469 X 4228  mwojcik@eseton.org
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Apr:  “Seton Service Days” – April 6 —watch for registration at  www.setonparish.org
   “First Eucharist Receptions” Apr. 27 -11:00am & 3:00pm shifts  Contact Denise Gilbert X 4264  dgilbert@eseton.org
      Need servers for reception and ushers for Mass...for an hour and a half
May:  Prep for summer YM events—contact Jeri Phillips in YM office  jphillips@eseton.org
June:  “Mission Possible Service Week” – June 9–12 — MS & HS youth and adults
   – Contact Jeri Phillips in the Seton Youth Ministry Office  jphillips@eseton.org
   “Vacation Bible School” June 17–21 - training session prior—Contact Seton Children’s Ministry Office
      – Contact Jeri Phillips in the Seton Youth Ministry Office  jphillips@eseton.org

“OnGoing” Volunteer OPS:
“Special Friend” for CM special needs student—during Children’s Ministry class time  Contact Denise  dgilbert@eseton.org
“Seton Library Mouse” – once a month for an hour or 2—Contact Beth Ann Apt X 4361  bapt@eseton.org
“Seton Newcomer Welcome Packets” – every other month for an hour or so—Contact Beth Ann Apt X 437 bapt@eseton.org
“Love Truck “ 2nd Saturday each month— contact Chris Rod at  lovetruckvols@sbcglobal.net  or 214-450-9351
“Gleaning” with “Helping Hands Gleaning Ministry” – various dates  www.hhgleaning.org
“Operation Gratitude” care kits for 1st responders.  www.operationgratitude.com
“Seton Shawl Ministry” - contact Tish Allen  circeofyarn@hotmail.com
“Seton Quilt Ministry” - contact Nancy LaVerdure  nancyquilts@verizon.net
“Seton Habitat for Humanity” - for ages 16 and up—see their webpage  www.setonparish.org/habitat

WATCH SETON website and other social media for additional activities.
Let us know if you come up with some new ideas too!