

Sponsor Candidate Meeting #2

Saints and Service – November

The judgement speech of Jesus, Mt. 25:31-46 is really based on the two great commandments of love; love of God and love your neighbor as yourself. Christ tells us very clearly, we will be judged by how well we take care of those who are disadvantaged. True commitment to our faith require us to change our inner being – spirits, dispositions and attitudes toward serving others. Saints are models of people who have lived this way, serving God and others by doing the works of mercy.

The focus here is on developing an attitude toward service more than doing some particular thing on a one-time basis to fulfill a requirement. The goal is to help the youth realize that responsible Christianity implies a commitment to a lifetime of service to others.

Discussion Format

✝ Begin with prayer:

- Thank God for what you are most grateful for today.
- Ask him to be present with you in your discussion today.
- Lift up to HIM your discussion today and ask HIM to bless and guide you accordingly
- Choose a prayer...

✝ Share how your prayer life has been going since your last meeting – has it changed in any way?

✝ Read the following scripture passages in your Catholic Youth Bible about the role of Service: Reflect on the truth or principle it teaches us about service. How do your own efforts of service reflect this truth?

- **Matthew 25:31-46 tells me about ...**

- My efforts reflect this truth when I ...

- **James 2: 14-26 tells me about...**

- My efforts reflect this truth when I ...

- **Luke 12: 8-12 teaches us about....**

- My efforts reflect this truth when I ...

✝ **What are the obstacles to serving others?**

- Time
- Sports
- Homework
- Texting / social media
- Tv/video games

What possible solution can you provide to combat the issue of time? Write your answer below:

✝ **Obstacles to serving others:**

- Lack of Opportunity
- Don't know who needs help
- Feel you don't have the skills to help
- Transportation
- Other: _____

What possible solution can you provide to combat the issue of opportunity? Write your answer below:

Use the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy attached to this handout
to help you with the discussion below:

✝ Which Work of Mercy is easiest to understand and practice in your everyday world?

✝ Which Work of Mercy is hardest to practice?

✝ What gets in the way of providing that to others?

✝ Once we are confirmed will our service to others be finished? Why or why not?

✝ Ask your sponsor how adults like she/he serve others:

✝ Talk about the Saint you researched with your Sponsor. Which Acts of Mercy did they display?

✝ Ask your sponsor to talk about the Saint that means the most to them .. What Acts of Mercy did they display?

✝ Talk about people you know who live their lives in a saintly manner. What qualities do they have?

Our next meeting date will be: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____

Meeting #2 Completed: _____ Candidate Signature _____