

# **CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM**

**WHAT IS CHRISTIAN SERVICE?** Christian service is to people outside of your immediate family. It is helping and sharing your gifts and talents or abilities with people who would otherwise go without care and concern.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE** must be approved by the Director of Religious Education. A responsible person must verify Christian Service where the work is done. This person cannot be a member of your family or a relative.

**TWELVE HOURS** of Christian Service must be completed *before* you are Confirmed. Christian work must involve parish and community.

## **SOME IDEAS**

### **PARISH INVOLVEMENT**

- Help clean up and beautify the parish grounds: raking leaves, picking up papers, cutting the grass or shoveling snow.
- Serve as an aide in the Religious Education Program.
- Help with the parish events.
- Help set-up and clean-up the parish hall after parish functions.
- Altar Service and lectoring.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Find an elderly or handicapped person in your neighborhood who could use help with errands, cleaning, etc.
- Visit elderly or shut-in people in nursing homes and help care for them, converse with them by writing letters or cards to them, or call the person daily to cheer him/her up to show you care. Play card games, checkers, chess, etc.. with them. All this must be done with the approval of the Nursing Home.
- Join clean-up campaigns in your neighborhood.
- Collect for Heart Fund, Cancer Fun, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy, Good Friday walk for Hunger, etc.

N.B. The Director of Religious Education simultaneously must approve Earning Christian Service hours and Scout Credit.

Exceptions will be made after careful consideration, for family assistance in serious circumstances.

Area nursing homes will accept volunteers during the week and on weekends. Duties may include sorting and delivering the mail, serving refreshments, housekeeping, assisting with activities and crafts or spending time talking with patients. Arrangements may be made with the individual facility.

1. Grandview Nursing Home, Chambers Street, Cumberland 724-7500
2. Little Sisters of the Poor, 964 Main Street, Pawtucket 723-4314
3. Mt. St. Rita Health Center, 15 Sumner Brown Rd., Cumberland 333-6352
4. Atria Place, 612 George Washington Hwy., Lincoln, Call Maryellen Lehman 203-545-0675 (cell)

### **SOUP KITCHENS**

Volunteers are needed to help feed the poor, prepare and serve meals, and clean up after the meal.

1. McCauley House, 165 Niagra Street, Providence 941-9013
2. Amos House, 415 Friendship Street, Providence 272-0220
3. Because He Lives, Blackstone St., Woonsocket, RI 769-6175

### **BLACKSTONE VALLEY EMERGENCY FOOD CENTER**

Volunteers are needed to empty cartons of food, stock shelves, and clean up. Please call 724-7170.

### **NORTHERN RI FOOD PANTRY**

Volunteers are needed to sort cartons of food, stock shelves, and assist recipients. For more information, please visit the website: [NRIfoodpantry.org](http://NRIfoodpantry.org).

**ST. JOSEPH CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM  
VERIFICATION HOURS**

**STUDENT'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	NATURE OF WORK	# OF HOURS	SIGNATURE
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**RETURN COMPLETED BY THE FIRST SCHEDULED CLASS IN MARCH**