

Community Service Hours

Deeply ingrained in our Gospel Mission to serve others is the desire to perform community service throughout the school community. St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic School is committed to making a difference through works of charity and service at the local, national, and world levels.

Eighth Grade Community Service Requirement: Eighth grade students are required to perform a minimum of 25 hours of community service during their last year at St. Margaret of Cortona. Eighth graders may begin logging their required 25 hours of community service as of August 1 and must have it completed by June 1. Clock hours that qualify for community service for promotion purposes include any voluntary service that does not include pay or any sort of special consideration in return. The service may not include anything that is done during the regular school day or during a school activity. Finally, the service may not be something that is a regular family chore of the student.

Seventh Grade Community Service Requirement*: Seventh graders are required to perform 20 hours community service as part of the requirement of the Confirmation religion program. Non-Catholic students MUST also complete the required 20 hours of service. Seventh graders may begin logging their required 20 hours of community service as of September 1 and must have it completed by June 1.

Sixth Grade Community Service Requirement: Sixth graders are required to perform 15 hours community service. Sixth graders may begin logging their required 15 hours of community service as of September 1 and must have it completed by June 1.

Community Service is important to schools, neighborhoods and to students:

- Service gives students a sense of purpose.
- Service has a positive impact on grades.
- Service can shape the direction of a student's life and change the way he or she views the world.
- Service has a positive impact on college acceptance.

*These are NOT in addition to the Confirmation requirement. Students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation need only complete the 20 hours required by the Religious Education Department. All other students in 7th Grade MUST also complete the 20 hours.

All hours must be documented using the approved form. This form is to be submitted when hours are completed.

1. All information, especially names of supervisors, are to be legible.
2. Hours performed outside of school MUST be accompanied by a letter of explanation, on letterhead if possible, and signed by the supervisor of the tasks.