



VERMILION CATHOLIC

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Apostolic Service Requirements for 2022-2023

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

The gospel mandate to serve is a central tenet of the Catholic faith. All students in grades 6 through 12 will have to complete a number of annual Service Hours appropriate to their grade levels. These requirements, along with the submission guidelines, will be included in each Religion teachers' classroom management plans and discussed in class. *For upper school, these hours will be completed outside of school and submitted for a grade by the conclusion of the second and fourth quarters.* For the middle school students, these hours will be completed within the context of a school day on campus. Teaching service as a part of our curriculum is a necessary way to reinforce the idea that all Catholics are called to serve and helps to model this teaching as they grow and confirm as adults in our Church.

These Apostolic Service Hours should be both meaningful and effective toward teaching our students their Christian responsibility to serve others as Christ has served us. While we encourage our students to serve their family with generosity such as moving, lawn care, babysitting, etc., it is necessary that your official service opportunities be community-minded and not family obligations.

Requirements for Apostolic Service Hours:

- All students in grades 9-10 are expected to devote **6 clock hours** of Apostolic service before the end of the school year.

Students cannot get all 6 hours in one service project – hours must be earned from at least two different activities.

Any school related activity can only count as a maximum of 2 total hours per activity.

- All students in grades 11-12 are expected to devote **8 clock hours** of Apostolic service before the end of the school year.

Students cannot get all 8 hours in one service project – hours must be earned from at least two different activities.

Any school related activity can only count as a maximum of 2 total hours per activity.

At the conclusion of each service opportunity, the Service Reflection must be completed, signed by the supervisor of the project/ event/activity, and submitted to the student's Theology teacher by the school-wide submission dates. The student will receive a grade for the service hours *and* the reflection in the quarter in which the service was completed and submitted.

There will be some Apostolic service opportunities provided through our school. If a student does not reach his/her requirements through these, it is important that students, with the help of their parents or peers, take the initiative to arrange other opportunities to complete his/her hours. It is not the school's responsibility to complete or arrange the required hours. On the next page, we have attached many opportunities and ideas that you may pursue to complete your hours.

Upper School Submission Dates:

Students should submit the required paperwork and required amount of hours by the following deadlines. Any student falling short of his/her service requirement will earn a 0 for that assignment in that grading period.

First Deadline:

- **All students in grades 9-10 are required to submit 3 clock hours and the required paperwork by Friday, December 9, 2022.**
- **All students in grades 11-12 are required to submit 4 clock hours and the required paperwork by Friday, December 9, 2022.**

Second Deadline:

- **All students in grades 9-10 are required to submit 3 clock hours and the required paperwork by Friday, May 5, 2023.**
- **All students in grades 11-12 are required to submit 4 clock hours and the required paperwork by Friday, May 5, 2023.**

Service Opportunities & Contact Information

Use this information below to help guide you completing your service hours, but please note that this is not the all inclusive list of what is accepted for fulfilling service hours. If you have any questions about whether or not your service hours will be accepted, please contact your Theology teacher or the Director of Faith and Formation at erinthomas@vermilioncatholic.com

School Liturgies

Altar Serving • Mrs. Erin Thomas

A student can earn 2 total clock hours for serving at school liturgies for the Academic year.

Lectoring • Mrs. Erin Thomas

A student can earn 1 clock hour for reading at school liturgies for the Academic year.

Music Ministry • Mrs. Laura Humble

A student can earn 2 total clock hours for singing in MM at school liturgies for the Academic year.

VC Development Office • Mrs. Jessica Cormier & Mrs. Jodie Dailey

You are always invited to volunteer for major school events to fulfill your service hours and / or at school-wide work days.

Serving as a volunteer on St. Mary Magdalen's Lifeteen or Edge Core Teams

John Listi • 337-893-0244 • johnvlistigmail.com

St. Mary Magdalen Church Office • Abbeville, LA

337-893-0244 • 300 Pere Megret Street • Abbeville, LA 70510

Christian Service Center • Abbeville, LA

337-893-9756 • 701 Chevis Street • Abbeville, LA 70510

Local Nursing Homes • Abbeville, LA

Contact on an individual basis due to visitation rules and expectations.

Cleanest City Contest • Abbeville, LA

The city offers this annually and is communicated through Liz Gremillion

Vermilion Parish Public Library

<https://www.vermilionparishlibrary.com/>

Abbeville location • 405 E St Victor Street • Abbeville, LA 70510 • 337-893-2674

Catholic Charities of Acadiana • Diocese of Lafayette, LA

<http://catholiccharitiesacadiana.org/> • <http://catholiccharitiesacadiana.org/volunteer-calendar>

Apostolic Service Hours Reflection

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date(s) of Service: _____

Time(s): _____ to _____ Total Hours: _____

Project/Event: _____

Location: _____

1. Who or what does this opportunity provide services for? (The participants or organization that you served.)

2. What did you physically do while serving this event/program?

3. How did this activity benefit those served? What kind of impact does this service have?

4. Write a paragraph on the following:

- What did you learn from this experience?
- What did you realize while fulfilling this service?
- What made an impression on you during this opportunity?

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____