

APOSTOLIC PROJECT

The Apostolic Project takes place of the traditional service hours.

It will be designed by the student, and approved by both parents and teacher.

The project requires 20 hours of service, and incorporates both the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy (listed below). *The goal is the salvation of another person's soul, and the other's experience of God's love through you.*

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

"The **works of mercy** are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor's spiritual and bodily necessities. Giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity; it is also a work of justice pleasing to God." CCC 2447

CORPORAL

Feeding the hungry.
Giving drink to the thirsty.
Clothing the naked.
Sheltering the homeless.
Visiting the sick.
Visiting the imprisoned.
Burying the dead.

SPIRITUAL

Counseling the doubtful.
Instructing the ignorant
Admonishing sinners.
Comforting the afflicted.
Forgiving offenses.
Bearing wrongs patiently
Praying for the living and the dead.

"Jesus went about doing good." Acts 10:38

"A person who prays, makes God, who is Merciful Love, present in the world." Pope John Paul II

SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR COMBINING PRAYER AND GOOD WORKS!

- VISIT A NURSING HOME ONCE/TWICE WEEKLY AND TALK TO ONE OR MORE PATIENTS.
- MAKE COOKIES FOR THEM.
- PRAY EVERY WEEK IN ADORATION CHAPEL ON FRIDAYS FOR ANYONE WHO IS DYING AND IN NEED OF DYING PATIENT
- VOLUNTEER WITH THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY SISTERS.
- MOW LAWNS FOR ELDERLY NEIGHBORS AND PRAY A ROSARY DAILY OR/WEEKLY FOR THEM.
- BRING SOMEONE TO MASS EACH WEEK WHO CAN'T GET THERE.
- HELP SOMEONE STUDY IN SUMMER SCHOOL, AND TEACH THEM THE ROSARY.
- TEACH A SIBLING HOW TO PRAY AND READ THEM THE GOSPELS.
- SERVE MEALS AT CHRIST HOUSE~ PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM YOU SERVED.
- HELP WITH THE *ALIVE!* SATURDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION~ PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THOSE WHO WERE SERVED
- TUTOR AT ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY LODGINGS AND PRAY NIGHTLY FOR THOSE WITH WHOM YOU WORKED.

TIMELINE TO STAY ON TRACK

- (1) **SPRING 2013:** MAKE A PLAN FOR AN APOSTOLIC PROJECT AND REVIEW IT WITH YOUR TEACHER.
- (2) **MAY 1:** *Proposal due to MS. DOYLE IN PARISH OFFICE.*
- (3) **JULY 15:** CALCULATE YOUR HOURS SO FAR AND COME UP WITH PLAN FOR COMPLETION.
- (4) **SEPTEMBER 15-30:** WRITE UP A REPORT ON YOUR PROJECT, SIGNED BY YOUR PARENT.
- (5) **OCTOBER 1:** *HAND IT IN TO MS DOYLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.*

Apostolic Project Proposal

DUE BY MAY 1.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/guardian signature _____

My Apostolic Project will include the following works of mercy (check all that apply):

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feeding the hungry.
- Giving drink to the thirsty.
- Clothing the naked.
- Sheltering the homeless.
- Visiting the sick.
- Visiting the imprisoned.
- Burying the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Counseling the doubtful.
- Instructing the ignorant.
- Admonishing sinners.
- Comforting the afflicted.
- Forgiving offenses.
- Bearing wrongs patiently.
- Praying for the living and the dead.

What specific work(s) did you propose?

When and where will this work be done?

In what way(s) have you done this kind of work before? _____

With whom will you collaborate to finish this work? _____

Who stands to benefit from this work? _____

How will they be closer to God and His Church because of your work?
