

# Divine Child High School

## Christian Service

### Our Christian Service Program

Through our Christian Service program, students create opportunities to live their faith by serving God and each other not only in school, but in the community as well. We believe the ministry of justice and service, rooted in Christ's Gospel message, nurtures a social consciousness and a respect for the dignity of all people that will enrich our student's lives now and in the future. Indeed, we are called, as a Church, to respond to people's present needs or crises so we encourage students to select service that will support the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the aged, as well as those who are sick or suffer from mental or physical disabilities.

As part of our graduation requirement, students must complete five Christian service hours per semester for a total of 40 hours over the course of their four years. The service may include up to five hours of school-related activities per year, but must include service to the greater community. Examples of acceptable school-related volunteer hours and community service hours are listed below.

While Divine Child High School provides students with many service opportunities, students are ultimately responsible for arranging their own service and submitting their service hours for approval on [myx2vol.com](http://myx2vol.com), our Christian Service reporting system (See [myx2vol.com](http://myx2vol.com) information below for more details). Students are responsible for keeping a personal record of all service.

### Volunteer Hours (In School Service) No more than 20 hours (5 per year) of the total Christian Service

Auction

DC Car Show

DCHS Leadership Seminar

DCHS Open House

DCHS Recruiting

DCHS Teacher's Aide

Pledge Faith in Action Service

Assisting DC administrators, faculty, and staff outside of regular school hours

**DCHS Varsity Athletic Camp hours, and youth coaching (including CYO) hours will no longer be accepted.**

# Community Service Hours

Each year, students must complete a minimum of five community service hours (cumulatively 20 of the total 40-hour graduation requirement) with charitable, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations. Some examples of acceptable service are listed below. Check the organization's website to determine their non-profit status or check with your Theology teacher or Campus Minister for pre-approval if you are not sure about your selected organization. **It is important for students to obtain the names and email addresses** of the supervisors for their service projects to report the hours in our online system.

## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE HOURS DUE:**

**SENIORS: END OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER (MID JANUARY)**

**ALL OTHER STUDENTS: END OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER (MARCH)**

Please be aware that while students may be involved in many virtuous activities, they do not necessarily meet the requirements for the DCHS Christian Service Program. We expect our students to be good neighbors, and responsible family members so time spent helping neighbors and family cannot be applied toward the DCHS Christian Service goals. Examples of activities that **do not fulfill** the graduation requirement:

- Baby-sitting
- Pet-sitting/dog walking
- Helping at privately owned businesses
- Helping neighbors/relatives with yard work, house work, technology
- Helping people move
- Ministry that takes place during Mass (altar serving, choir, lector, etc.)
- Regularly scheduled youth group meetings
- Time spent sorting and donating your own personal items for charitable organizations
- Helping with theater groups, hockey clubs, or at dance, skating, or swim clubs

## Reporting DCHS Christian Service Hours x2vol.com

Freshmen will be given a tutorial on use of the x2vol.com Christian Service reporting program during the first quarter of the school year. Students are responsible for keeping track of their own usernames and passwords. All other students will be given a brief refresher on use of x2vol.com.

**Students must obtain the names and email addresses of their site supervisors** to submit their service hours on x2vol.com and have them verified.

- **Parents/relatives may not be listed as supervisors, students must identify another responsible adult as the contact person**

# DCHS Community Service

## Examples of approved activities, events, and organizations

- The Burger School
- Charity Golf outing volunteer
- Community planting project
- Non-profit daycare volunteer
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hospital, hospice, or nursing home patient care
- Humane Society
- The Lennon Center (or other crisis pregnancy centers)
- The Linus Project
- Volunteering at Marches, Runs, or Walks that raise funds for charity
- Miracle League
- Mission Trips
- Parish food drives, festivals, special events
- Rainbow Rehabilitation
- Rake and Run
- Rebuilding projects
- Religious education teacher or aide
- Right to Life volunteer activities
- Rouge River Rescue
- Shiawassee Refuge
- Soup Kitchens/Outreach programs
  - Cookies for Cass
  - Elevate the D events
  - Focus HOPE
  - Forgotten Harvest
  - Gleaners
  - PBJ Ministries
  - St. Vincent De Paul Society
  - Summer in the City
  - Sweet Dreamzzz
- Unpaid tutoring
- Vacation Bible School Aide