

September 22, 2020

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again..." Mahatma Gandhi

**"Just as the son of Man did not come to be served, but serve, and give His life a ransom for many."
Matthew 20:28**

Dear 6th-8th Parents,

In the spirit of the words that open this letter, Waukesha Catholic – St. Mary Campus continues a program designed to promote the ideas of volunteerism and service to others. We all understand the value of helping someone in need, and there are so many people outside our usual circles that reach out to others for help daily. That is why we hope our students will take the opportunity to provide service to others.

All students in grades 6-8 are required to complete a certain number of service hours by the end of each year:

- Sixth grade students - five hours
- Seventh grade students – ten hours
- Eighth grade students - fifteen hours

Service work completed during the summer can count for up to half of the requirement for this year. **Service hours which were done during the summer need to be submitted by October 12, 2020.**

Please be aware that this volunteer work needs to be done outside of regular school hours. Parents are responsible for transportation and choosing of the service work. From time to time, we will share with you service opportunities that come to our attention, but most of the work done by students is something that they take the initiative to find.

We recognize that service opportunities may be limited this year, or that families may have concerns about their child(ren) engaging with outside organizations or non-school groups due to the current pandemic. For that reason, for this year only, we are allowing students the option to do service for their families.

Students will continue to be able to submit service hours online through our school website! The link to the online form can be found at <http://waukeshacatholic.org/resources-0> Paper copies may still be used and are available on the same webpage and in the campus office. Students should fill out a Service Learning Reflection form (online or paper version), each time they complete a portion of their obligation. If using a paper copy of the form, students need to submit it to their Religion teacher for recording. **Service hours must be submitted within a month after the activity. Please encourage your student to submit their service hours soon after the experience!**

We hope that everyone will embrace this outreach effort. Please review the FAQ on the back of this letter for answers to the most common questions about this program. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact your student's Religion teacher.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Egan, Ms. Achatz, & Mrs. Kriesel