



# SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Saint Andrew Catholic School students are asked to serve others as Jesus Christ served His community and to live out the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. Students are given several opportunities through the year to participate in service activities. Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> are required to complete a set amount of service hours per quarter:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade.....3 hours per quarter (12 hours)

7<sup>th</sup> Grade.....5 hours per quarter (20 hours)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade.....7 hours per quarter (28 hours)

The required service hours for 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders are a portion of their religion grade each quarter. Students will need to coordinate with their religion teacher regarding service activities and service hours. Please note, acts of ministry such as attending adoration, altar serving, lecturing, cantoring, etc. will not be taken into account when determining service hours.

We are looking forward to working with our students to find new and creative ways to serve others in our community. As mentioned above, it is our hope that our students are able to serve others as Jesus did and to live out the social justice teachings of the Church. To that end, when brainstorming ideas for service hours, please use the Themes of Catholic Social Teaching as a guide. Here is a general guideline to keep in mind: if your service activity or project aligns with one or more of the Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, then hours will be awarded for it! However, if you financially benefit from your service project or activity, then it would not qualify for service hours.

For example, one of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching is Care for God's Creation. You could plant a small garden at home, create a space or container for composting, or pick up trash with your parents in your neighborhood or in your local park. Another of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching is the Call to Family, Community, and Participation. Activities could include helping a grandparent with yard work, writing letters to first responders and essential workers of the community, or working to raise awareness about an issue the community is facing.

## Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

Please reach out to us with any questions you may have, and we look forward to working with you all in the coming days and months to better serve our community!