



COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

To the Parents of our St. Joan of Arc Students:

We are very pleased to include a new component of our Religion Class this year called Community Service Learning Projects. Service Learning is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and fosters the hands on expression of Christ's love for others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves.

Part of your child's quarterly Report Card this year will include completion of Community Service Learning Projects. We will work with you to provide opportunities for your child to be a part of a project, but we encourage you to seek out ways to help in your local community as well.

Some of the ways students can work on this component are listed below:

- Adopt an older neighbor who may welcome cards, visits, or a helping hand on occasion
- Participate in community service projects which will fit your child's interests such as a charity walk, a beach or park clean up, create cards for Veterans organizations, etc.
- Write cards or notes for our own ill or homebound parishioners

Each quarter, we will provide a form for you to list your child's participation on these projects, so keep track of the approximate time and dates. Although we encourage your child to participate throughout the year, the minimum requirements may be completed in a single quarter.

The students will be scored with the following Evaluation Scale:

4 = Outstanding 3 = Satisfactory 2 = Needs Improvement
1 = Unsatisfactory N = Not Introduced

We hope by participating in this program, your child will fully recognize and understand the significance of caring for others. As Pope Francis said in Brazil on July 25, 2013, "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty."