Service Reflection #Example

Date of Service: July 30

Type of Corporal Work of Mercy: Circle one or more

Feed the hungry Give drink to the thirsty

Clothe the naked Shelter the homeless

Visit the sick Visit the imprisoned

Bury the dead

What specifically did you do? (Minimum 7 complete Jr. High level sentences.)

I went to some local grocery stores and asked the managers if I could have some of their brown paper bags to do a food collection; I got 50 bags total. I then typed up a letter asking people to donate food for our parish food pantry. I stapled the letter to each bag. I included a list of items our pantry needed at the time in the letter & requested that they leave the bag full of any items they had for donation in front of their doors of the house or garage & I would pick the bags up one week from when I left the bags on their doorsteps. My parents helped drive me around to our neighborhood homes to collect the donations & we then took all the bags to the St. Joseph Food Pantry. The people at the Food Pantry helped us unload all the bags & they were so grateful. I felt really good about what I had accomplished and that I thought of it and did it all on my own.

What did you learn? (Minimum 5 complete Jr. High level sentences.)

I learned a lot about our parish's food pantry, how it operates and helps so many people from our area and those outside our local area. I didn't realize how many people who have full-time jobs still don't make enough money to cover all the bills for their families. It really wasn't difficult to do this project on my own. I was nervous at first asking to speak with the managers of grocery stores to get the bags, but they all were very helpful. I was so happy at how much the people in our neighborhood donated! I would like to volunteer at our food pantry this year to learn more and especially to help me be grateful for the food that my family has and to keep those who has less in my prayers.