Junior Service Learning Program

2025-2026

In their junior year, students at Frassati Catholic learn how to make an authentic gift of themselves and practice putting their faith into action through individual service work. Juniors are required to coordinate and complete 20 cumulative hours of service with local service organizations. Students will get to select who and when they serve within set parameters and will report these hours via service logs (submitted via Mobile Serve) and in-class reflections. If a junior has completed verified service hours in the summer preceding their junior year, they may apply ten of these hours toward the total of twenty required hours due by May.

Class of 2027 Service Learning Google Classroom Code: la57htq

Junior Year

In the coming school year, you will notice a new category in your quarterly Religion grade. Service Learning will now be a 5% category of your overall quarterly grade.

PLAN AGREEMENT- In August, students will be given a form to plan out their hours called the Service Learning Plan Agreement. They will make a plan for how, when, and where they will complete their hours and submit this plan for approval by the Campus Minister & their Religion teacher.

- o Students who plan to begin serving in the summer can find the Plan Agreement in their Google Classroom. See Summer Notes section on page 2 for further details.
- o Once the plan is approved, if the student needs to adjust their plan, they *must* notify the Campus Minister in advance to ensure the change is still eligible for credit.
- o Students may serve with as many or as few service organizations as they would like in their junior year. It is strongly encouraged that students attempt to complete different forms of service with multiple organizations so that they can discover their own unique charisms and passions for service.

SERVICE LOGS- Students will document these hours each time that they serve by submitting a verified service log in Mobile Serve. Students must have a complete service log for each day of service.

- A complete service log entry will include the date, location/organization, total number of hours served, and description of the service work performed, as well as the supervisor's name, contact information, and verification of the student's reported information. Verification can be obtained either via a signature at the time of service or via an automatic email from Mobile Serve. No credit will be given for hours submitted without each portion of the log accurately and honestly completed on time.
- o If a student elects to get their hours verified via an email to their supervisor, they are responsible for notifying the supervisor of this procedure and following up with them in a timely manner. Any entries that are not verified by the due date will not receive credit for that quarter (See Due Dates on Page 2).
- o It is strongly recommended that students submit service logs as the hours are completed, rather than all at once right before the due date, to avoid missing verification.

REFLECTIONS- Each quarter, students will complete a reflection in their religion class that will go towards the service category (5%) of their religion grade. Students will reflect on their experience of service (both individual service and their experience on Pier Giorgio Days) and make connections with the course curriculum.

QUARTERLY DUE DATES- A student's completion of their quarterly service hour requirement will be reflected in a quarterly grade in the service category (5%) of their religion class. At least <u>5 hours</u> must be submitted in Mobile Serve by each of the deadlines listed below.

- o **Q1-** Monday, October 6th (5 total)
- o **Q3-** Friday, February 27th (15 total)
- o **Q2-** Friday, December 5th (10 total)
- o **Q4-** Friday, May 1st (20 total)

Requirements for Creditable Service:

All service hours must meet each of the following requirements to receive credit.

Must serve a marginalized, needy, or underprivileged community OR be served with a Catholic organization.* Must be performed entirely outside of your family, school, and home.

Must be done free of charge in a way that does not directly benefit you.

Must be reported in Mobile Serve with a complete & verified service log.

o Note: Parents cannot verify service for their own child and the supervisor signing for the service must witness the entirety of the service work performed.

Examples of types of service that would NOT fulfill the requirements include but are not limited to: babysitting for free, altar serving/cantoring, doing chores for your family, donating items to service agencies, working school events, visiting a relative in the hospital/nursing home. These are all good things, but do not meet the requirements for juniors at Frassati Catholic.

- o Attendance and participation in Pier Giorgio Days are mandatory school events and therefore ineligible for credit towards a junior's 20 required Service Learning hours.
- o *While we encourage all our students to practice full and active participation at each liturgy they attend, liturgical service (lectoring, cantoring, altar serving, etc.) does not count for service hours.

If you are interested in a form of service but are in any way unsure if it meets the requirements, confirm eligibility **beforehand.** To help you get started, you can find a list of pre-approved agencies on the school website. If you choose to serve with one of these organizations, you do not need to ask for approval first. This list is ever evolving so, if you have a suggestion for additional agencies to include, please fill out the form found in your Google Classroom to get it added & approved.

The St. Catherine of Siena Service Award

This award is given to all qualified juniors at the Summit Awards Night who have gone above and beyond the required hours of service by completing at least an **additional 20** service hours this school year (June 2025 - May 2026). If you think you qualify for the St. Catherine of Siena Award, please submit your application through the Service Learning Google Classroom in the Spring semester.

Note: The 10 hour limit on summer service work does not apply to this award. Any number of creditable service hours can count.

Summer Notes

- ➤ If you plan to start on your service hours this summer, please first make sure that it fits the requirements above. Please refer to the school website for a list of FAQs in regards to service requirements at Frassati Catholic. If you would like to serve at an organization that is not already pre-approved, please submit a Plan Agreement. Students can find and submit the Plan Agreement in their Service Learning Google Classroom.
- ➤ If you have further questions, please contact Mrs. Labadie at m.labadie@frassaticatholic.org prior to June 11th. Questions and plan agreements submitted after that point should be directed to Mr. Valka at m.valka2@frassaticatholic.org.