# Senior Service Learning Program

2025-2026

In their final year, students at Frassati Catholic learn how to make an authentic gift of themselves and put their faith into action through individual service work in the fall and a "Culture of Life" group project with their Ethics and Culture Seminar class in the spring. Seniors will complete all 20 hours of service with the same organization, becoming leaders in their community who are committed to a life of service.

### Class of 2026 Service Learning Google Classroom Code: bkcyad7

## Fall 2025

In the fall semester, you will notice a new category in your quarterly Religion grade. Completion of your service hour requirements will be reflected in the service category (5%) of your Religion class in Quarters 1 & 2.

Seniors are required to complete <u>20 hours of service with one organization</u> that fits within the requirements for creditable service ( see page 2 ).

o 15 of the overall 20 required hours can be completed in the summer of 2025 (provided that the student can continue serving with that same organization in the fall ). See Summer Notes on page 2 for further details.

**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.

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.

**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.

- o 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.
- 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 signatures/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 and make connections with the course curriculum.

o If you choose to start over the summer, please note another key difference from your service as a junior will be the **photo requirement**. Quarterly Religion reflections will require a **minimum of 5 photos** showing a variety of activities/moments from each day of your time of service.

### 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.

SENIORS ONLY- All 20 hours must be served with the same organization.

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 seniors at Frassati Catholic.

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. Vincent de Paul Service Award

The St. Vincent de Paul Service Award is given to 12th graders who have shown an exemplary commitment to a life of service and to creating a culture around them in which the human person can flourish. These seniors also planned and implemented outstanding Culture of Life Leadership Projects. This award will be presented at the Summit Awards Night at the end of the school year.

## **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.