

**Parish Community of St John Vianney and St Thomas the Apostle**  
**Service Hours/Works of Mercy**

The purpose of this assignment is to practice living our rights & responsibilities as adult Catholics, grounded in the call to family, community, and participation. Service hours allow you to safely step outside of yourself and your comfort zone, to see yourself as one member of the Body of Christ.

All service experiences must be grounded in one of the Corporal Works of Mercy, Spiritual Works of Mercy, or theme of Catholic Social Teaching.

Those are:

- Feed the hungry
- Give water to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead
- Instruct the ignorant\*
- Pray for the living and the dead\*
- Care for God's Creation\*

\*Please note that though there are also 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy and 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, the majority of those are deeply personal or are best lived one-on-one in the setting of the home life and are therefore not appropriate to count as service hours.

The supervisor signature should not be a parent/grandparent/other guardian or relative.

**Students should divide their hours among at least 3 different works of mercy. 25 hours total are required over the 2 years of Confirmation preparation.**

*Please have your high school student contact Ms. Carolan or one of their teachers  
with any service-related question!*