

Bishop Chatard High School
Christian Service Program

Mother Teresa teaches us that “love begins by taking care of the closest ones -- the ones at home.” With this lesson in mind and because of the Covid 19 pandemic, Bishop Chatard has decided to expand our opportunities for Christian Service to include **Family, Collection, and Advocacy Hours** as ways to fulfill students’ service commitment for the 2020-2021 school year.

Our hope is that the Christian Service Program can continue in its prior format for the 21-22 school year. We have great hope that we can serve our parishes & community this year, but we wanted to provide opportunities to serve a little “closer to home,” too. We have found great success for students these past few months growing in love & service from their very own homes. Campus Ministry will continue to adapt and adjust our service hours program as needed.

Our call to serve others out of our love of Christ will always continue, beyond this uncertain time, beyond our time at Bishop Chatard. We pray these new ways to serve allow us to see Christ in others.

The service hour commitment for each class are as follows:

- Freshmen- 10 hours
- Sophomores- 15 hours
- Juniors- 20 hours
- Seniors- 25 hours

Hours can be obtained through any of our **five categories**:

- **Parish:** Any service completed at a parish or for a parish. This includes helping out with any programs where we are serving our partner schools/parishes.
- **Community:** Any service done in the community at large without pay. Community events include, but are not limited to: assisting at a food pantry, preparing meals for a soup kitchen, cleaning a park, etc.
- **Family:** Any service and help to your family in our time of social distancing. Parents can sign off on these hours.
- **Collection:** Social Services agencies such as Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul desperately need food and supplies during this difficult time. Bishop Chatard will host monthly collection drives to support those in need. One hour of Christian Service will be given for each drive that a student contributes to.
- **Advocacy:** Read, watch, or listen to a resource based on Catholic Social Teaching and then promote that topic through the lens of CST on social media, in our school, or to your local legislator. See instructions below.

Other important reminders:

- There are no limits on which categorical hours can count toward your number of commitment hours. For example- you can complete all your hours through the “Advocacy” option or, you can complete some through “Family” and others through “Community.”

- All hours should be logged through the Christian Service Canvas page. All information on how to log hours can be found here! Remember to complete all parts of your service log!

Parish

Any service completed at a parish or for a parish. This includes helping out with any programs where we are serving our partner schools/parishes. Opportunities include:

- Serving in the parish liturgy
- Helping with Religious Education
- Helping in the school
- Serving at a parish event
- Serving in one of the parish's social outreach ministries

Community

- Any service done in the community at large without pay. Community events include, but are not limited to:
- Assisting at a food pantry
- Preparing meals for a soup kitchen
- Cleaning a park

Family

Your family needs you during this difficult time! These are opportunities to show love and give charitably with the realities of social distancing. "Service starts in the home", as they say, so use these suggestions to serve within your own family. Here are some ideas of how you might serve your family.

- Help your siblings with their assignments
- Cook and serve meals for your family
- Clean up and do the dishes after dinner
- General cleaning and disinfecting in your home
- Do any sort of yard work without pay.
- Any home project for your parents.
- Babysit younger siblings.
- Writing letters to family members that live far away.
- Calling/facetimeing any sick or infirm relatives that are unable to have visitors due to their condition.
- Cook a meal and bring to your neighbors.

Collection

Social Services agencies such as Catholic Charities and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are in desperate need of food and supplies during this difficult time. Bishop Chatard will host monthly collection drives to support those in need. One hour of Christian Service will be given for each drive that a student contributes to. Some drives may include:

- Canned food
- Clothing
- School supplies

- Toiletries

Advocacy

There are two “feet” to Catholic Social Thought- service and justice. Both are needed to live out what it means to be an apostle of Jesus! Students will immerse themselves in one of the Catholic Social Teaching resources below. After reading/watching/listening to that resource, students will have the opportunity to advocate for that issue, by citing that resource for others to learn from.

Examples of advocacy include:

- Sending a letter to your local legislator
- Posting about the issue social media
- Planning an event or publicizing the information at BCHS

In order to “count” advocacy hours, students will need to document how they are advocating. For each of the options below, you will still need to document the way you advocated on Canvas based on one of the advocacy options below. Here is how to document each of the following examples:

- Sending a letter to your local legislator: ***Upload a photo of the letter you wrote or a photo of you mailing the letter to the Christian Service Canvas page. You also have the option to tweet one of the photos! If you choose to tweet the photo, tag @BCTrojanService and @BCHS_CM with the photo and a caption that explains how the letter supports Catholic Social Teaching. (One Christian service hour will be given.)***
- Posting about the issue on social media: ***Tweet an image or photo that has to do with what you learned about Catholic Social Teaching and include a minimum of 250 characters (4-5 sentences) of a quote from or your thoughts supporting the resource. You need to tag @BCTrojanService and @BCHS_CM in the post. (This will hour of earn one hour of service)***
- Planning an event or publicizing the information at BCHS. ***Dream big! You can hang flyers around school, set up an information table at lunch, or give a brief reflection before Mass on the topic you learned about from Catholic Social Teaching.***

To meet this category of service, students will need to read/watch one of the resources below. Service hours will only count in this category if one of the resources below is used. Using resources outside of this list will not count toward your service commitment. See the list below:

Church Documents:

<https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/church-documents/>

Catholic Social Teaching Podcasts:

<http://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/resources/podcasts/>

Service and Justice:

<https://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/two-feet-brochure.pdf>

Catholic Social Teaching:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGCcDH9Mp4w>

Capital Punishment:

https://www.ted.com/talks/lindy_lou_isonhood_a_juror_s_reflections_on_the_death_penalty?language=en

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxOV0Gs7t7U>

Hunger:

<https://www.crs.org/get-involved/learn/resource-center/covid-19-and-hunger>

https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/lead_the_way_action_toolkit.pdf

Criminal Justice Reform:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/half-of-the-inmates-shouldnt-be-here-says-cook-county-sheriff-2/>

https://www.ted.com/talks/salil_dudani_how_jails_extort_the_poor?rid=Yq45CMC4iT8&utm_source=recommendation&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=explore&utm_term=watchNow#t-449286

https://www.ted.com/talks/alice_goffman_how_we_re_priming_some_kids_for_college_and_others_for_prison?rid=aL6vsdTzy8ov&utm_campaign=explore&utm_medium=email&utm_source=recommendation&utm_term=watchNow

Care of Creation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzyYPJLhZjc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXJTzM2VbSc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmHQMaBbsXw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LloARnNUPE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVT9enSMMrU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H50S8P3JSzk>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_jM16npWhM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFLaTShJNMM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uok8odEsOhE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmZcCjorWnk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuZSeDuLDYg>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahzzh_a63o8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fj-a5qVj3nY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAAgOr6hpbI>

Migration:

<https://justiceformigrants.org/webinars/world-day-against-trafficking-webinar/>

<https://justiceformigrants.org/webinars/covid-19-impact-on-migrants-webinar/>

<https://justiceformigrants.org/webinars/world-refugee-day-2020-webinar/>

<https://justiceformigrants.org/webinars/galvanizing-state-support-for-refugee-resettlement/>

<https://justiceformigrants.org/webinars/uac-101-webinar/>

Racism:

https://www.ted.com/talks/sanford_biggers_an_artist_s_unflinching_look_at_racial_violence

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story

https://www.ted.com/talks/bryan_stevenson_we_need_to_talk_about_an_injustice?language=en

Poverty:

https://www.ted.com/talks/mia_birdsong_the_story_we_tell_about_poverty_isn_t_true

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nxcw86SZ7eA>

https://www.ted.com/talks/rutger_bregman_poverty_isn_t_a_lack_of_character_it_s_a_lack_of_cash

https://www.ted.com/talks/jessica_jackley_poverty_money_and_love