



BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

Christian Service Program

Class of 2023

GOAL OF THE NEW CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

As part of the State of Indiana's new Graduation Pathways program, our Christian Service Program has undergone a change impacting the class of 2023 only.

The goal of our entire Christian Service Program is forming intentional relationships through self-reflection and coming to know others and God. We want our students to grow in responsibility, while trusting in their families throughout their high school experience.

FRESHMAN YEAR (BEGINNING 2019/2020)

Jesus began his service at home with the Holy Family, and our freshmen begin their journey in the same way. Everyone's life is busy- sports, school, work, etc. Intentional time with family members isn't always the easiest to come by. Therefore, each first-year student will form an intentional relationship with a member of their immediate family and serve with that individual in a meaningful way for a minimum of 10 hours.

Projects range from tutoring a sibling to helping a parent/guardian with a long-neglected home improvement project. We want students to be talking to their family members- sharing about their daily lives, hopes, and struggles.

SOPHOMORE YEAR (BEGINNING 2020/2021)

At a young age, Scripture shows Jesus participating in his faith at the temple. Continuing in Christ's footsteps, Sophomore Christian Service will focus on the student's faith community. Sophomores will complete 15 hours of direct service acting as part of their faith community. If they are not active in a particular faith community, we will encourage them to 1) join one for a new experience or 2) partner with a friend who is active in his/her worship community. Their service site supervisor must be someone other than a relative.

JUNIOR YEAR (BEGINNING 2021/2022)

In his public ministry, Jesus focused his attention on serving the poor and marginalized of society. In the Junior year, students must each spend 20 hours performing Christian Service that falls into the "Life and Dignity of the Human Person" principle of Catholic Social Teaching by directly serving the "poor or marginalized" of their local community.

Examples of Christian service would include serving those experiencing homelessness, food pantries, soup kitchens, assisted living communities, prisons, and hospitals. All hours must be completed at one organization and the supervisor must be someone other than a relative.

SENIOR YEAR (BEGINNING 2022/2023)

Jesus passed his mission on to the apostles, who formed the earliest Christian communities. As these small groups developed into the Church, their response to social justice concerns became better articulated through the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Senior year students complete 25 hours and have the option to perform Christian service based on their interests that fall into the principles of Catholic Social Teaching:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

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