

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

CAMPUS MINISTRY & RELIGION DEPARTMENT

Community Service Requirement

2011-2012

Goals:

The goals of the Holy Cross Service Requirements are based on the philosophy of Holy Cross School. "The school is committed to serve our community and society through our actions." **Service is not optional.** It is an obligation we have as Christians and as members of our Holy Cross family. The Holy Cross service requirement is designed to help Students become an active part of the legacy of Holy Cross. The service requirement has been designed to achieve the following goals:

1. To give each student the opportunity to reflect on the message of Jesus Christ in regard to serving others.
2. To provide the opportunity for each student to experience a variety of types of service with a variety of disadvantaged individuals in order to assist in clarifying each student's particular gifts and talents.
3. To emphasize to parents and students the importance Holy Cross School places on service to God's disadvantaged by requiring a specific number of hours of service.
4. To provide an opportunity for students to develop skills in working with people—skills that are important for life, not just for school.

Minimum Service Hour Requirements by Grade Level:

- **Freshmen: 20 hours**
- **Sophomores: 25 hours**
- **Juniors: 30 hours**
- **Seniors : 35 hours**

Plus a two (2) page reflection paper due second semester. The reflection paper cannot be turned in until all hours have been completed and verified.

Service hours can be done during the summer **before** the school year they are due.

Students may work in their parish, neighborhood, school, or larger community.

Requirements Continued:

Service hours must be verified by the individual or the official representative of the group for whom the service was done. The date and description of each service activity, the number of hours, and verification signature must be provided on the **Holy Cross Service Verification Form**, which may be obtained from a student's religion teacher or downloaded from the Holy Cross website.

Each student should also include a letter from the official representative or the agency where the service hours were performed. The letter should include the official representative or agency's official letter head, student's name, the number of service hours done, and a contact name and phone number for the person supervising the volunteer work.

In addition, each student must submit a two-page **Service Reflection Paper** to his religion teacher. **Each religion teacher will control how and when this will be accomplished.** Consult your religion teacher for specific instructions on the **Service Reflection Paper**.

It is important to remember that a service requirement is not complete until the **Service Verification Form** and the **Service Reflection Paper** are turned in to the student's religion teacher.

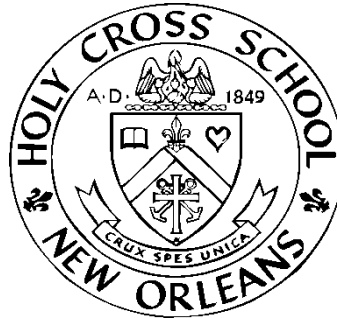
Obviously, work done in connection with a student's routine participation on a team or school activity will not qualify for service hour credit. An example of this would be a sports team manager, who would not be able to claim his routine work with the team as community service.

Important: Failure to complete the Holy Cross Community Service requirement will result in the student being required to attend **summer school**. **Seniors who fail to complete their requirement will not be allowed to graduate.**

VERY IMPORTANT: Community service is not the same thing as "working without pay." It is work done for the good of the greater community. It includes work for disadvantaged individuals, for community playgrounds, animal shelters, churches, and schools. **Work done for your immediate family, neighbors, for enterprises engaged in profit-making activities, and work done for political parties and public elections DOES NOT qualify as community service.**

DUE DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012

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I have carefully read the description of the **Holy Cross Community Service Requirement** at Holy Cross School and I am fully aware that the deadline for completion and verification of the requirement is

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012

Printed Name of Student

Religion Class Period

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent

Signature of Student's Religious Studies Teacher

