

## SERVICE HOURS – MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

As a Catholic School, PCA is committed to instilling and developing a habit of service in our students. We recommend doing service hours at the church, school, and in the community. Students should have hands-on experience helping someone. For example, at the Church, students could be a server or usher, help with set up, volunteer at vacation bible school, or help at the many other functions at Our Lady Star of the Sea. At school, students can act as ushers or lectors at school masses, assist with set up of mass, sing in the choir, or join safety patrol as well as many other opportunities in school. In the community, students can volunteer at nursing homes, Habitat for Humanity, Beam, or volunteer to assist at the many other opportunities in our city. While food drives and supply collections are important ways to help those in need, we want the student to give of their God given talents and have contact with people who can benefit from their service

Middle school students are required to complete community service hours as detailed below.

	For School	For Confirmation
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	10	5
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	10	10
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	10	15

Students must complete **10 hours of service each year** to satisfy the school's **30-hour Graduation requirement**. In addition, each year students will also work on completing the parish's **30-hour Sacrament of Confirmation service requirement** beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and continuing through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The 30-hour Confirmation service hour requirement must be completed before the 8<sup>th</sup> grader attends the Confirmation Retreat usually in March. **In summary, the school's Graduation service requirement (30) plus the parish's Confirmation service requirement (30) equal a total of 60 required service hours.**

Service hours should be done every year. **Each student must do the assigned number of service hours for their grade no matter how many extra hours they have accumulated in previous years.** For example, every 7<sup>th</sup> grader must serve 10 hours for the Graduation requirement and another 10 for the Confirmation requirement even if they had 100 extra service hours in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We want the student to include service as part of their yearly school plan.

**Deadline for service hour turn-in is May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The school will no longer accept them after this date.**

Service Hour Locations and Other Recommendations