



# St. Pius X Works of Mercy Apostolic Service Program

## F.A.Q.s

### How is my Theology grade tied to the Works of Mercy program?

Participation in this program is a part of the theology program and a graduation requirement. The consequences for not completing the Works of Mercy requirement are as follows:

- There will be a 10 point deduction from the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester theology grade  
**IN ADDITION**
- Seniors who do not complete the requirement will not be allowed to participate in commencement activities
- Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who do not complete the requirement will not be allowed to participate in out of uniform days.

### Are there any activities that **DO NOT** count towards my Works of Mercy requirement?

Yes, while there are many activities that are very admirable and sacrificial contributions to our school, communities, and parishes, but due to the parameters of our program the following activities are not counted as either a “Work of Mercy” or as a “General Service Project of Choice”.

- Babysitting in any form (For school, Church, family, friends, etc)
- Donating items/clothing to a cause/charity (either at St. Pius or in the local community)
- Writing a check or donating money to a cause/charity
- Any activity that would be expected of you by being a member of a family (visiting family, chores, yard work, etc)
- St. Pius X Athletic Camps
- Serving at Mass (Lector, Usher, Extraordinary Minister, Music Ministry, Altar Server, etc) \*\*  
*\*\* Serving at Mass is not considered service because it is our obligation as Catholics to fully and actively participate in the Sacramental and Liturgical Life of the Church.*

### What if I find / participate in a Work of Mercy that is not on the approved list?

If you find or wish to participate in a Work of Mercy that is not on the approved list you must have your activity **pre-approved** by Miss Ohrenberger **PRIOR** to completing your activity. We are always looking for new Works of Mercy to add to our list.

### I enjoy working at the Soup Kitchen. If I go to the Soup Kitchen at two different times during the semester does that fulfill my requirement for 2 Works of Mercy for that semester?

Yes. We encourage students to find projects that fit their personality and help them to develop a sense and habit of a life of Christian service. If you would like to participate in the same project on multiple occasions we welcome you to do so. However, we do ask that you please fill out separate sheets for each time you go to serve.

### Can I participate in the same works of Mercy each semester and every year?

Sure. Hopefully you will find a Work of Mercy that is enjoyable and will want to participate again. Our Works of Mercy Program is not simply about fulfilling a Service Requirement but identifying what gifts and talents God has given you and then putting them into work to promote the Common Good and expand the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.