

## **Senior A.C.T.S. (A Call To Serve)**

### **Acceptable / Unacceptable Service Opportunities**

\*\*\* Please note that the following information is only intended to be a guide. \*\*\*

\*\*\* Ask Mr. Oliver if you have any questions about a service project in advance. \*\*\*

#### Examples of Acceptable Service Opportunities

- Activities that involve direct service at locations such as: hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living homes, soup kitchens, animal shelters, homeless shelters; mission trips for organizations such as Habitat for Humanity
- Parish based activities such as: teaching or aiding at Religious Education, vacation Bible school; volunteering for charitable activities (setting up or cleaning up for parish events, etc.)
- Providence Catholic opportunities such as: assisting at Academic or Athletic Camps; assisting at the Providence Catholic Children's Academy; working as an aide in/for the BLC; Counseling Department; Deans' Office; Athletic Office; assisting with the Freshmen Welcome or the Community Retreat Day through the Pastoral Office
- Grammar School activities such as: helping coach youth sports; assisting with the set-up or clean-up of school or athletic events; helping with the concession stand or scoreboard at school games; helping to tutor in a coordinated program
- Assisting other charitable organizations such as: Special Olympics, Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul Society, etc.
- Assisting Catholic Charities in either the Diocese of Joliet or the Archdiocese of Chicago

Please consider other activities that are similar in scope to the activities outlined above. The above list is not meant to be an exhaustive list of acceptable activities. Remember to ask for approval before beginning any activity. Also, remember to bring the Verification Form with you when you complete your service. This form must be signed by an adult after the service is completed. The Verification Form must be submitted along with the A.C.T.S. Assignment. The due date is posted on the A.C.T.S. Hours page of the Providence Catholic website and in the A.C.T.S. Hours Team.

### Examples of Unacceptable Service Opportunities:

- Working or volunteering at a for-profit company or organization
- Working with an individual athlete in a sport
- Babysitting or pet sitting
- Any activity that is also being completed for AYM, NHS, SAVI, Student Council, or other community service hours (i.e. court mandated)
- Being a teacher's aide for a teacher (at Providence Catholic or another school i.e. classroom decorating or grading papers, etc.)
- Volunteering for a political party or candidate
- Serving as a liturgical minister at a parish

The above opportunities are good things to do, and we would expect you to act as a servant leader in these opportunities. However, they will not be accepted for A.C.T.S Hours.

Please remember that this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of unacceptable service opportunities. Just because something may not be found in the list above, that does not mean it is an acceptable service opportunity.