

Christian Service Q & A 2022-2023

1. Are we doing the Christian Service requirement this year?

Yes, service is an integral part of our Catholic identity and the call to serve and give back in these challenging times requires more creativity and generosity with our time and resources.

2. How many hours of charitable actions are required this year?

Students should render at least 20 hours of charitable actions.

3. Do I have to do all three categories of faith, school and community?

Ideally, yes – but given the unique circumstances we are still in, students can do charitable actions and earn hours in at least any 2 categories.

4. Are there safe ways to render charitable actions?

Aside from doing in-person service, there are many safe ways to give back, ranging from participating in charitable drives, promoting good causes through social media, writing letters to people in retirement/convalescent homes, etc.

5. Where do I find information about service opportunities?

Start by inquiring at your local community centers, churches and non-profit organizations.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles compiled a list of organizations that allow people to participate in a safe manner. The list is posted in the Christian Service page on Amat website.

https://www.bishopamat.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=195589&type=d&pREC_ID=441894

Our school and student groups also offer various service opportunities posted on the website and official social media accounts. Service opportunities are also posted on the Christian Service bulletin board in the 600 Wing and you can also follow the official Amat Christian Service Instagram.

6. How do get my charitable actions validated?

For your records, request your service supervisor (not your parents/relatives) to sign your Christian Service verification sheet. Free copies are available on the CS bulletin board or download from the Amat website.

Do not lose your signed service papers and bring them to your CS adviser for filing. Take a photo of each sheet and also post it in your CS Google classroom as proof and back up.

7. How do I get verification especially if I'm participating in virtual charitable activities?

In this case, you must:

- a. take picture(s) of your registration and participation.
- b. promote it in social media (*if available*) to encourage others to help and take a screenshot.
- c. post these proofs in your Christian Service Google classroom.

Your C.S. adviser will put folders (Ex. Service #1, Service #2, Service #3, etc.) in your C.S. Google classroom for you to post your proof.

7. I don't have a social media account or my parents do not want me posting this.

That's okay, we respect your parents' concerns. You can still post proof of your charitable actions in your C.S. Google classroom as back up.

8. Why do I have to log my service hours?

Logging hours in your student portal provides an accessible and detailed data of your progress. It also helps you build a good resume' for college and work applications. Your service hours must be backed up by verifiable proof validated by your C.S. adviser.

9. How do I log these hours?

Go to your student portal and click on *Student Hours* and follow the prompts. Students who are new to Amat or have forgotten how to do this are advised to seek help from knowledgeable students on how to properly log hours in their portal. Before you finalize your entry, you must acknowledge that your service log is true by clicking on the *honor code* box.

10. When are the hours due?

They are due on the last week of April 18, 2023.

11. Do I still have to do the reflection part?

It is important that you reflect on the importance of serving your community and how it makes you a better person. You need to write your reflection on the back of the Christian Service verification sheet by focusing one of the prompts.

12. I did not complete last year's requirement, I need more than 20 hours, what should I do?

Develop an action plan and ask your C.S. teacher for advice. You need to put your best effort to make up for your service requirements especially if you are graduating this year. There are many safe opportunities to render service in school, in a church and in the community. Check out the Christian Service postings on the bulletin board in the 600 wing or on the school website.

13. I am applying for service awards and/or would like to wear the NHS / CSF / Distinguished Scholar stole/cord, and I'm not sure if I have enough hours.

Please reach out to your NHS/CSF moderator or Ms. Joseph-Pudvan or the Christian Service Moderator for specific requirements.

14. I volunteered last summer can I count those hours for this school year?

Absolutely! Make sure to log in your hours, turn in your service sheets to your CS adviser during the assembly and we will add them in your file.

15. I still have other questions...

Please email your Christian Service adviser or talk to Mr. Kasilag.