

Service Learning 101

Requirements:

- Each student must complete 25 hours per Academic year. Students will have from the **first day of summer until May 1st** to complete these hours.
- Hours must be logged into the service learning platform called X2vol within **two weeks** of the service date, and must be verified by an adult.
- Hours over 25 will not roll over to the next academic year, but will count towards house points.

❖ *What kind of service will count towards my required hours?*

1. Any service for a nonprofit that is in line with Catholic Social Teaching.

For example, service for a nonprofit that supports or promotes abortion, euthanasia, etc. would be service that would **not** count.

2. Any service that aids the poor and marginalized.

Service that aids the poor, the homeless, and anyone struggling to find aid of some sort are people who truly benefit from your time. Ex. Soup kitchens, homeless shelters, shelters for domestic violence victims, adoption agencies, or any organization helping underprivileged children, to name only a few.

3. Any service opportunities that arise at O'Dea or any of our local schools.

This includes O'Dea auctions, retreats, or any other event at O'Dea, as well as hours put in to help other schools with after school care, tutoring, mentoring, cleaning etc.

4. Any service given for your Church, Catholic or otherwise.

This includes altar serving, ushering, assembling bulletins and any other project that a church of any denomination might need help with.

❖ *What about service outside of a nonprofit, school, or church?*

Personal projects must meet three criteria:

1. The work you are doing is aiding someone who would not otherwise have been able to do it on their own.

Yard work for your parents or neighbor generally will not count unless circumstances show a real need for it.

2. You are not getting paid

No exceptions. Volunteer work is always free.

3. You received approval for your project from Ms. Curl prior to beginning the project.

❖ *How do I log into X2vol?*

For a tutorial video, go to www.odea.org/faith-service/service/christian-service-learning/