

MATTHEW 25 PROJECT



For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you clothed me,
I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25: 35-36

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The Matthew 25 Project is the service component of the Confirmation program. At Saint Clement we believe that to live as a Catholic we need to Pray, Serve, Give, Learn and Belong. Please keep this in mind throughout the project.

- **Pray** before you do your service work, ask Jesus to open your heart.
- **Serve** people with cheerfulness and kindness.
- **Give** of your resources like time, energy and money.
- **Learn** about social action and the needs of others.
- **Belong** to our faith community and give witness to your experiences with other members, share how it feels to be a disciple of Jesus.

The project consists of two components: **Direct Service** and **Reflection**.

The goals of the project are that through their service and reflection:

- Goal 1: That our young people might meet joyful Christians who serve as Jesus served, and that they might be inspired by their example.
- Goal 2: That our young people would hear the call of each baptized person to cooperate with God's Spirit to extend God's kingdom of peace and justice and to spread God's vision for human flourishing.
- Goal 3: That through their service, our young people would feel a deeper connection to Jesus, who "came not to be served, but to serve" (Mt. 20:28).
- Goal 4: That our young people would have an experience of the local Church continuing out the healing, liberating, and saving mission of Jesus through the acts of charity in which they participate.
- Goal 5: That our young people might discover their personal gifts and talents and that they begin thinking about how Jesus calls them to serve.
- Goal 6: That our young people act as living witnesses to the faith, so that others may see the light of Christ through them.

Always remember that you are not alone in this project. Your teachers and catechists are here to help you!

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A few reminders:

NOTE: Yes! There are 2 parts to this project and they are both due by October 1/2, 2017 (Oct. 1st for Religious Education, Oct. 2nd for School).

Part I is your Direct Service.

Part II is a paper (or creative project) reflecting on your experience of service.

Part I

Direct Service – Actions responding to the needs of individuals; deals with the effects of problems.

Example: If people are hungry... direct services include: taking up a monetary collection, opening an emergency food pantry, and feeding those who are hungry.

Some Ideas for Direct Service Projects : Volunteer for Meal Programs, Food Pantries, Homeless Shelters, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Tutoring Programs... Participate with the parish Human Concerns Committee, Liturgical Ministries (Hospitality, Lector, Children's Liturgy of the Word Leader, etc...) or become a Catechist Assistant for Religious Education ... Help elderly neighbors or family members.

- Choose a project that is ongoing, where you volunteer on a regular basis (or)
Choose 4 short term events—Like the St. Clement Service Day, a Walk or Run.
- Your direct service should be over and above regular family chores.
- You should not get paid for your service.
- Volunteer work that you do for your school requirement can be included.

Need some help or ideas for service?

Contact Rachel Espinoza @ respinoza@clement.org

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Part II

Direct Service Reflection – Due October 1st/2nd, 2017

Please answer the following questions in paragraph form:

1. Describe your project(s) and the amount of time you volunteered.
2. Did you meet anyone during your service who you admired or looked up to, or who inspired you? Who? What did you admire or find inspiring about them? How do their actions show you what it means to be a follower of Jesus? (Goal 1)
3. What was the concrete need that you responded to? What do you think Jesus and the message of the Gospel have to say about this particular need or situation? What is God's vision for humanity in this area? How are we called to help bring about God's vision in this particular area in which you served? (Goal 2)
4. If we are called to serve to 'be like Jesus', what does this tell us about what Jesus is like? If you had to describe the character of Jesus, how would you describe him? Did your experience of service help you to draw closer to Jesus? If so, how? (Goal 3)
5. What is the role of the Church in the world? How is the Church called to carry on the healing, liberating, and saving mission of Jesus today? How is your experience of service connected to that wider mission? What does your service have to do with you being a member of the Church? (Goal 4)
6. What did you discover about yourself during your time of service? Was there anything about your service that you found particularly joyful? Challenging? What gifts, talents, strengths, weaknesses, hopes, thoughts, did this experience reveal to you? (Goal 5)
7. What impact did your service have on those that you served? In what ways were you a light for others? How did others see Christ through your service? (Goal 6)

OR

Journal Provide us with a written, photo, artistic, cyber, or video journal of your direct service. Include entries for each time you volunteered. Reflect on the above questions throughout the year & share your thoughts creatively.