

Service Hours Essay Instructions

Directions: Reflect on your past service hours over the last year or two; think about what you did and why you did it. In no more than 500 words, explain what you learned from completing your service hours. Consider the following questions:

- Why are service hours required?
- What did you learn about serving others?
- What services did you provide? Why did you select those activities?
- How did your services reflect the Spiritual Works of Mercy and Corporal Works of Mercy?

Be specific; explain what you did. For example, how did your actions help you live-out feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, give drink to the thirsty? How might you have counseled the doubtful or comforted the sorrowful?

Remember – don't just list what you did for service hours; explain why you did what you did relating back to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. You can write your essay by hand or use a computer. Be sure your handwriting is legible.

The following websites may be helpful in writing your essay:

Learn more about the Spiritual Works of Mercy:

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/the-spiritual-works-of-mercy>

Learn more about the Corporal Works of Mercy:

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/the-corporal-works-of-mercy>