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What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

- James 2: 14 -18

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter is about to begin a service project in our community as part of their Christian Ethics class. The purpose of such a project is to encourage students to live the Gospel message through the use of their varied talents and abilities to make manifest Christ in our communities and world.

A program of this sort is designed to have an inherent flexibility to fit the individual situations of each student and family involved. It is an attempt to “meet the student where they are,” and then challenge them to move forward. Despite this flexibility, this project is not meant to take the place of a student’s family responsibilities. Rather, participation in this program should help the student grow in an understanding that as an emerging adult, an emerging community leader, with a variety of gifts and talents that s/he is now capable of taking on additional responsibilities. For as Jesus tells us, “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required” – Luke 12: 48b. As such, service to relatives will not qualify for this project as students will be challenged to “take that next step” in their growth as a contributing member of the community.

As a vital part of the Christian Ethics curriculum of Regina Catholic Schools, your son/daughter will be expected to complete 10 hours of Christian service. Upon completion of this service s/he will then engage in a reflective process to assist in the discernment of the impact of the service at a variety of levels from the community to the individual.

Please encourage early completion of Christian Service with your child as students are expected to arrange their Christian Service in consult with their course instructor at the beginning of the semester. Both Course Instructors and the school’s Chaplain are resources the student can use if unsure of potential volunteer opportunities and/or need clarification regarding what actions will qualify for this project. Additional information in regard to qualifying projects is included in the Christian Service assignment package that students receive in class.

The final date for the semester's completion of Christian Service is set each year by the team of Christian Ethics teachers. This date will be communicated to students in class, in their course outlines, and as a part of their Post-Service Reflection assignment. Students who fail to hand in their signed and completed form by the prescribed due date may be penalized 10% for each day late as per Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School academic policy.

Please talk with your son or daughter about the type of service work that would be most suitable for him or her and encourage them to make the arrangements for their service independently, using parents, teachers or others simply as supports to assist them in their maturing process. Also consider what kind of schedule would best fit your family needs, as all Christian Service work must be done outside of the student's normal school hours.

Please feel free to contact us at 791-7250 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Teachers of Christian Ethics,

Mr. G. Fischer

Mr. M. Leon

Mr. T. Metz

Mr. R. Schaan – Chaplain

Mr. P. Stawarz

“It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. If a needy person requires help during prayer time, do whatever has to be done with peace of mind. Offer the deed to God as your prayer. ... Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity.”

- St. Vincent de Paul

