



# AMHS Christian Service Program

*Jesus and his disciples were at supper. Jesus, knowing that the Father had given him all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet. - John 13*

## Due Dates for 2008-2009

### Freshmen

Parent Consent Form: October 9  
Verification of Hours: May 14

### Sophomores

Parent Consent Form: October 2  
Verification of Hours: May 7

### Juniors

Parent Consent Form: Sept. 25  
Minimum of 10 Hours: Jan. 12  
Full Verification: April 30

### Seniors

Parent Consent Form: Sept 18  
Verification of Hours: April 23

*"Anybody can be great because everybody can serve" -Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Mission

Students at Archbishop Mitty High School are asked to follow the example of service set by Jesus as described in the Gospels. At the Last Supper, Jesus assumed the role of a servant and knelt down to wash the feet of his disciples. As people of faith you are called to wash the feet of others by your humble service and willingness to treat others with dignity and respect.

## Graduation Requirement

The Christian Service Program seeks to provide you with the opportunity to witness your commitment to Christian values through service to the wider community. You are required to complete a minimum of 25 hours at one agency during the current school year and each of your years at Archbishop Mitty for a total of 100 hours before graduation. As much as possible, your service should involve direct interaction with people and should address injustices in the wider community. You may not miss any school time to complete service work.

The Campus Ministry and Religious Studies departments work together to facilitate Christian Service work at Mitty. The forms and written work described below are all collected by your Religious Studies teacher. All of the Christian Service forms mentioned below are available outside of the Campus Ministry Center and on the school's web site. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your teacher or Mr. Kroenung in Campus Ministry.

*Service opportunities generally fall into one of the following categories:*

1. Work with children
2. Work with elderly persons
3. Work with disabled persons
4. Work with poor persons
5. Work in a parish
6. Hospital work
7. Environmental stewardship
8. Drives and fundraising

The list of **Pre-Approved Agencies**, found on the school's website, gives more detail about these types of service.

## **MICAH: Mitty In Communion Actively Helping**

The MICAH program exists to provide students with more opportunities to perform Christian service together with other students. Each semester, a group of students goes together to various agencies in San Jose to work and reflect on their encounters. Participation in MICAH fulfills the service requirement for the year.

All students are invited to be a part of the MICAH program, provided that they commit to participating in all of the volunteer experiences. Check the announcements section of the AMHS website for due dates and application information.

*"This is what the Lord asks of you, that you act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God"* MICAH 6:8

## **Thematic Service**

**Juniors** complete 25 hours of service at one agency of their choice that serves people who are disadvantaged by poverty. More specifically, students will perform direct service with the poor, disenfranchised, and marginalized in our community. Ten of the twenty-five hours are required to be completed by the end of Christmas break, and the remaining fifteen by the end of the year.

**Seniors** complete 25 hours of direct, interpersonal service with persons with special needs. This group includes: physically, mentally, emotionally disabled persons, elderly persons, and persons with a terminal illness and/or in hospice care.

## **Getting Started**

You need your parents' permission before you start your work. The **Parent Consent Form** requires you to get two signatures. First, your parents must sign the form, giving permission for your participation in an off-campus agency.

If you wish to do your service work at an agency that is not on the pre-approved list, you are required to complete a **Proposal for Christian Service Project Form**. You must give the form to your religious studies teacher or Mr. Kroenung at least two weeks prior to beginning your service.

We always encourage you to begin your service during the summer. This spring, the annual **Service Fair** will be held on our campus. Representatives from numerous local service agencies will be available to distribute information and answer any question you may have about their organizations.

## **Service Check Up and Verification**

At the start of the second semester your religious studies teacher will require you to submit a **Service Check Up Form**. You will be asked to state the number of hours you have completed so far and have your parents sign the form.

By the due dates posted above, you must provide written verification that you have completed at least 25 hours at one service agency through a signed **Verification of Hours Form** or a formal, specific letter from your adult supervisor.

If you have any questions, please see Mr. Kroenung in Campus Ministry or email him at [bkroenung@mitty.com](mailto:bkroenung@mitty.com).