



St. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

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Christian Solidarity

Solidarity flows from the respect for the dignity of the human person. The message of the Gospel is to serve and not be served. John Paul II High School students will offer their services to the community and learn to “love thy neighbor as thyself.”

Christian solidarity is inspired by the call to practice the corporal works of mercy:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

These can be practiced in some of the following areas:

- **Human Life Advocacy**

Victims of Abuse
At-Risk Children
Pro-Life Work
Graffiti Clean Up
Prayer at Abortion Clinic

- **Service to the Elderly**

Shut-In Ministry
Assisted Living
Adult Day Care

- **Ministry to the Sick**

Hospital
Nursing Home
Diabetes Walk

- **Ministry to the Disabled**

Special Olympics
Disability Ministries

- **Service to the Poor**

Homeless Shelter
Food/Clothes/Toy Drive
Holiday Dinners for the Poor

Every student is given opportunities to serve humanity, and it is mandatory that each class member meets the requirement for volunteer hours as follows:

CLASS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
Freshmen	20
Sophomores	25
Juniors	30
Seniors	35

Please note that if a student misses their class retreat, in addition to receiving approval from the administration, they must complete an additional 10 solidarity hours.

Conditions for approval of Christian Solidarity Projects are as follows:

The student must actively, personally, and directly help the poor, the sick, the elderly, or the disabled, or participate in human life advocacy such as pro-life work.

- The activity must be safe and approved by the parent/guardian.
- The activity must be sponsored by a credible institution.
- The organization/institution must be pro-life.
- Students helping with certain school functions that are not directly related to the conditions outlined above will upon approval receive half credit for those hours. (ex. Parking at football games, scorecard or clock for basketball games, etc.)
- When in doubt, please check with the Theology Department.

A Partial List of Activities that have previously met Christian Solidarity Hours is below:

- March for Life in Austin or Washington DC.
- Prayer outside the abortion clinic.
- Staffing High School class retreats.
- Special Olympics activities sponsored by John Paul II High School's Voices that Care Club.
- Live Nativity sponsored by John Paul II High School.
- Special Needs Friends events including Trick or Treat in the Quad, Special Hearts Prom, and Easter Egg Hunt.
- Assisting with an Eagle Scout Project.
- Toy for Teens Walk-a-thon sponsored by John Paul II High School.
- Walk for Diabetes, sponsored by John Paul II High School/American Diabetes Association.
- Angel Food Ministries food distribution.
- Food Basket preparation sponsored by John Paul II High School Student Council/Baseball team.
- Visits to Case de Oro Nursing Home sponsored by JP II Voices that Care.
- A Cut Above/Wigs for Kids/Locks of Love sponsored by JP II Voices that Care.

Additional Approved Organizations:

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| -Boys & Girls Club | - Ronald McDonald House |
| -Metro Ministries | - Nursing Homes |
| -Assisted Living Centers | -Senior Centers |

Activities that do NOT count as Christian Solidarity Hours include but are not limited to:

- Campus work and/or clean-ups (or campus fundraising)
- City/Cultural/museum events (helping at Bayfest, Buc Days, etc.)
- Purchases/donations (buying items to give out to individuals and/or organizations)
- Animal shelters/Animal services
- Work in private practices (Doctors' offices, law offices, medical services/supplies offices)
- Church liturgical ministries (including altar serving and lecturing)
- Club fundraisers (pancake breakfasts, jamaicas, festivals, etc.)
- Sports camps (unless it is targeted for underprivileged and/or at-risk students)
- Health Fairs or Environment Awareness Fairs
- March of Dimes
- Planned Parenthood

Thank you for your support as we work together to respect the human dignity of each person and foster love of our neighbors.