

SESSION IV

SERVICE WORK

The goal of this session is for the Candidate and the Sponsor to share an experience of Catholic Service. Jesus modeled for us a life of servanthood. He reached out to people who were 'broken' and he healed them. In the Gospel of Matthew there is a passage which speaks to serving others and calls us to service.

Find and read together the passage, Matthew 25:31-46

Many opportunities exist in our parishes and in our communities to go out and do something to benefit others. In the process, don't be surprised if you receive a few benefits yourself!

Places to look for a service project to do together...

...call the parish office to see if there are any upcoming needs in the parish. Many times minor things like stuffing the bulletin or setting up for an event is a great need.

...check the parish bulletin to see if there are requests for help. Sometimes there are homebound people who need yard work done or their house cleaned. These are projects you can accomplish together.

...go to school and take a look around at some of the outreach opportunities there are such as the Relay for Life or help out at a fundraiser for the school. They never turn away free help!

...take a peek at the Internet. Talk to your candidate about a 'cause' that is meaningful to them and try to find a way to support the 'cause'.

...go serve a meal at one of the local soup kitchens. There is the Catholic Worker House, Catholic Charities and St. James Place. All have different times for serving meals. Just give them a call and find one that fits your schedules.

...work on a project together, either jump in on an Eagle Project with the Boy Scouts or simply decide to knit some prayer shawls for cancer patients at the hospital.

There are several things you can do. Just find something you can do together!

Following your service work, complete the evaluation form and return to the youth office.

Make arrangements to do a 3-4 hour service project together. You can do this on one date or an hour at a time with the same organization. Here are some suggestions with contact information, though you certainly can do other service activities.

- St. James Soup Kitchen
36th & Troost
Kansas City, MO
Will Cook, 816-734-1299 or willcook@gmail.com
- Holy Family Catholic Worker House
912 E 31st Street
Kansas City, MO
816-753-2677
- City Union Mission
1108 E 10th Street
Kansas City, MO
816-474-9380
- Harvesters Community Food Network
1811 N Topping
Kansas City, MO
816-231-3173
- Mission Thrift Store
6600 NE 69 Highway
Claycomo, MO 64119
816-415-2728 or 816-750-4618
- Bishop Sullivan Center
6435 Truman Road
Kansas City, MO
816-231-0984
- Habitat for Humanity
Bob Borusheski, 816-455-5904 or borusheski@aol.com

