

# Suggestions for Service Projects:

*Jesus said, "Here I am among you as one who serves." (Luke 22:27)*

Before making a commitment to a service project, think about the variety of ways in which you can use your talents and abilities to help others. These suggestions are only some of the ways other candidates have chosen to serve. Perhaps something on this list will help you decide the service you would like to perform. The list may give you some other ideas of what you would like to do. Perhaps you have your own special service in mind.

Before making your decision and commitment:

- Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance
- Talk to your parents and sponsor
- Find out the "real needs" of the people in your family, neighborhood, parish, school, or community

Join the choir

Serve Mass

Help prepare for a children's liturgy

Help in the CCD program

Visit the elderly at home or in a nursing home

Assist senior citizens with their chores

Baby-sit for someone who needs help

Organize a "clean-up" campaign in the parish, school, or local park

Organize or help with a recycling project

Help a needy family

Volunteer to work in a hospital

Tutor after school

Shop for an elderly neighbor or relative

Do yard work at the school or parish

Join a service group

Write cards or letters to hospitalized children or teens

Collect food for the poor

Help with a fund raising project for a charitable organization

Collect, clean, and repair clothing for the poor

Earn money for the missions by washing cars, babysitting, etc.

Work at a food bank

Serve as a teacher's aid

Perform special services for the handicapped

Prepare a meal or dessert for a family whose parent or child has died

Collect toys for poor children

Read to the blind

Make audiotapes for the blind or elderly

Make gifts or favors for hospitals or nursing homes

Prepare entertainment or holiday parties for nursing homes or child care centers

Collect and deliver magazines to the emergency waiting rooms, hospital waiting rooms, etc.

Coach or assist with young children's sports activities.

## *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created; and You will renew the face of the earth. O God, Who did teach the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*