**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School**

**Service Learning Project**

As members of a Christian community, we are called to work together to build a world of peace, justice, and compassion. To accomplish this, we must reach beyond ourselves. Jesus says: “I tell you: what you do to the least of my brothers, you do to me” (Matthew 25:40). We are called to be witnesses of Jesus in the world. It is in this spirit that the religion program at SFACSS includes a service learning component.

As part of their religion courses, students are required to complete a number of volunteer/service hours as well as a small reflection assignment **in order to receive their religion credits**. These hours must be completed outside of class time and students must not receive compensation in any form for their time and effort. *These hours are voluntary*. We encourage students to seek out these opportunities and can assist in finding options if needed.

***The hours requirements are as follows:***

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| **Grade 8** | **5** hours | January 12th, 2024 |
| **Grade 9** | **10** hours | January 12th, 2024 |
| **Grades 10, 11, 12** | Combined total of **30** hours  | January 12th, 2024 (if in religion first semester)May 1st, 2024 (if in religion second semester) |

**The completed booklet must be handed in to Ms. Olejarz in the Office of Religious Education.**

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***Reflection*** *(please write answers on a separate paper and staple to this sheet):*

1. Why are service and outreach important parts of growing together in community?
2. What have you learned through this project?
3. How did this experience go for you? How would you evaluate your commitment to this component of your religion course?
4. With this assignment completed, what could be your “next steps” in terms of serving the community, volunteering, or reaching out to others?