“Magnificat – Saying Yes, Like Mary” - 12th Grade

Minimum of required hours for Apostolic Works: 25 hours

The Purpose

“Mary said, ‘Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word’” (Luke 1:38). Mary chose to magnify the Lord through accepting her role as the one who would form Jesus. It is the hope that by senior year, through the development of their gifts and exposure to serving different groups of people through their participation in their Apostolic Works opportunities, students understand that “as Marianists, we [they] are called to work for social justice and must be ‘yes-sayers; as well” (John Vogt). It is this attitude of saying “Yes!” that will guide them in creating a student-centered service project of their choosing under the guidance of a Service Mentor.

Objectives

1. Students will foster an increased connection to the value of the CME of Service, Justice, and Peace.

2. Students will learn to recognize and to name a need of their Apostolic Work site through thoughtful analysis and address that need through their service.

3. Students will develop their time management skills.

4. Students will develop their interpersonal skills through group collaboration and their interaction with their Apostolic Works site.

5. Students will foster relationships with the chosen site and the community it serves.

6. Students will develop the qualities of Mary’s “Yes” attitude of modeling of love and compassion in order to be agents of change.
Brainstorming Worksheet

**Basic Steps to Follow:**

1. Form a group to work with. (Seriously consider schedules, dependability, and gifts/talents of the people you consider working with.) You may work alone.

2. Brainstorm possible populations to serve. (children, animals, elderly, special needs, etc.)

3. Research non-profit organizations that serve your group’s chosen population. Consider places you have previously served. Research organizations online or you can refer to laworks.com to help you.

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4. Once you have chosen one you would like to work with, initiate contact with the organization and investigate needs this organization has. If you already have a relationship with the organization, maybe you can already identify a need to discuss with them.

- Remember, you want to serve their NEEDS first and foremost. You are not creating a need for them. NOTE: All non-profits need money, but we challenge you to try to go beyond just a monetary gift.
- Call or email the director of the organization.
• Explain who you are and what you are doing this for/ why you have chosen this place.
• Talk to them or set up an appointment to meet with them to discuss what needs this organization has.
• Ask them about the community/ clientele that they serve. You want to
• Be sure you are taking notes to refer back to and/or to bring back to your group.
• Thank them for their time and let them know you will be in contact with them once you have further discussed/brainstormed ideas on how to meet those NEED(S).

5. Brainstorm ways that your group can fulfill or help alleviate that need for your Magnificat Project. REMEMBER: your project must have an element of direct service.

Examples of Possible Projects
• NOT approved: Volunteer on a weekly basis with an already existing tutoring/coaching program.
• Approved: Create a volunteer tutoring/coaching program in a community where one does not already exist.
• NOT approved: Collect clothes/shoes and drop them off at the Goodwill
• Approved: Work in a shelter, determine specific need, advertise and organize supply drive, deliver supplies directly to those in the shelter.
• NOT approved: Participate in a charity walk
• Approved: Organize a team, raise money, lead information sessions on issue, get involved in the planning of the walk, participate in the walk as a team leader.