



MALDEN CATHOLIC

School for Boys

Christian Service Reflection Paper

You must also choose a moderator from among the Malden Catholic faculty and staff who you will meet with at a schedule of their choosing in order to discuss your service, and who will ultimately grade your reflection paper. Again, ask early – some members of MC only take on a limited amount of people. Any students doing the Jamaica trip must submit their paper to either Mr. Endicott, or Dr. Baccari.

Your reflection paper must be five pages, typed, double spaced, New Times Roman. Your paper is due to your moderator no later than Wednesday, May 6th. You may ask your moderator if they will accept an email attachment of your paper. Remember that this paper is **a requirement of graduation**. You will receive a grade of Honors, Pass or Fail on your report card.

Answer the following in your paper:

- What was your role at the service site? If you served at various places write about the ones in which you had the greatest role.
- What were your initial expectations? Did these expectations change? Why?
- Describe a person you encountered in the community in which you served who made a strong impression on you, positive or negative.
- What you think the benefits of doing Christian Service is?
- Did anything surprise you about your service/
- What did you do that seemed effective or ineffective?
- How does your understanding of community change as a result of your participation?
- How can you continue your involvement with this group or a social issue which interests you?
- How can you educate others about social issues?
- During your Christian Service in your time at MC did you ever feel like an outsider at your site or in the service you did? For example, some students at first felt uncomfortable at a soup kitchen like Bread of Life. Why?
- How are your values expressed through Christian Service? What made you uncomfortable? Why?

Complete your essay with this sentence: Because of my Christian Service-learning I am...

When you complete your essay, create a prayer (this is separate from the essay) which may reflect on what you have learned and what graces you have received in doing Christian Service during your **four years** at Malden Catholic. You may wish to follow a format similar to this:

- Address God or Jesus by name
- Thank God for the specific experiences or even specific people
- Insights you gained about yourself, your responsibilities, other people, their needs etc.
- If you received the grace as Ryken said to “fall in love with the service of God” with what you did, express this feeling.