

SENIOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE REFLECTION SYNTHESIS ESSAY

Format:

1. All essays should have the following heading in this format in the top left corner:
Name
Senior Christian Service Reflection Synthesis Essay
Date
2. All essays must be one COMPLETE PAGE MINIMUM in 12 pt. font and one inch margin (top, bottom and sides)
3. You must reflect on all the following questions but it should not sound like you are answering questions as you would in an assignment from the questions in your Religion book.

The theme of your service activity has been to focus on the community outside of the Notre Dame High School community.

Describe in detail what you did for your senior Christian Service Project. Include the following: whom you served (describe the need the people had and the service you provided); the names of any other student(s) with whom you may have worked.

Describe what the experience was like for you: what did you learn about yourself from doing it? What did you learn about your strengths, gifts and talents? What did you learn about your weaknesses? Does your service affect the way you think about your future? What did you learn from the people you served? How were you able to help/serve them? Was it a meaningful experience for you? Did it cause you to think about your own values? Did it affect your faith and/or your relationship with God? Did it help you understand your responsibility as a Christian (or other religious faith)?

How does your service experience fit in with your understand of the Mission, Values, Vision and ESLRs (EXPECTED SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING RESULTS) of Notre Dame High School? (See the page with this information on it at the beginning of the packet)

FOR THE SECOND PART OF THIS SELECT ONE OF THE ITEMS BELOW TO COMPLETE.

- 1. Poster:** Create a poster that portrays the type of service you performed. Display a minimum of five photographs of the place at which you worked and include at least one photo of yourself performing your service at that place. Each photo must be accompanied by a detailed caption underneath it explaining the activity you are doing. Title the poster with the name of the place where you did your service. Make sure your name is clearly printed on the poster and that your poster is neat, attractive and presentable.
- 2. Video:** Create a video documentary of your ‘on-the-job’ experience. With permission of the supervisors and persons appearing on the video, narrate a typical day of your service commitment. Include brief interviews with the people with whom you worked and with other volunteers. Conclude your video with your reflections on your service commitment. Some of the questions offered in the essay above may be helpful for this part of the video. Running length is a five-minute minimum.
- 3. Scrapbook:** Using a photo album or other bound book, create a memory scrapbook of your service experience. Include photos, with detailed captions, of the facility and the people with whom you worked. Include at least one photo of yourself doing your service work, any notes of appreciation written to you, paper examples (such as artwork, essays, etc) and complete the scrapbook with at least one paragraph explaining what you did, learned and experienced while you did your service project. Some of the questions offered in the essay above may be helpful for this part of the scrapbook.

*******TURN IN THE FOLLOWING SHEETS IN THIS ORDER:**

**TIME SHEET
LIABILITY RELEASE
ESSAY
POSTER/SCRAPBOOK/OR VIDEO**

******* PLACEMENT FORM (THERE MUST BE A SHEET FOR EACH SUPERVISOR IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE) MUST BE TURNED IN AND APPROVED BEFORE BEGINNING WORK.**