

SERVICE IDEAS FOR PARISH USE

Below is a list of potential service initiatives that can be performed by youth in the parish.

- **PARISH CLEAN-UP**

Description: *Assist the pastor and parish staff in maintaining the church property. Types of clean up projects may include repairing damaged hymnals, cleaning/washing pews, gardening/grounds maintenance, etc.*

- **FUNDRAISER FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION**

Description: *Raise funds and donate them to a charitable organization in support of their work. Examples of fundraisers include car washes, bowling nights, walk-a-thons, dances, etc.*

Organizations that will accept donations: *ShareLife (416-934- 3411)*

- **CLOTHING DRIVE**

Description: *Collect specific types of clothing in order to meet the seasonal needs of the less fortunate. Types of clothing drives to consider: general clean and gently used clothing, winter jackets, toques, gloves and packs of new socks,*

Organizations that will accept donations: *St. Vincent de Paul Society (contact your parish office)*

- **BED LINEN DRIVE**

Description: *Collect gently used pillow cases, twin-sized fitted bed sheets and blankets to benefit homeless shelters and other temporary housing facilities.*

Organizations that will accept donations: *Good Shepherd Centre (416-869-0510)*

- **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Description: *Collect new school supplies such as packs of pencils/pens, notebooks, etc. in order to benefit those in the community and around the world who cannot afford them.*

Organizations that will accept donations: *Canadian Food for Children (416-231-2817), ACCESS Charity (info@accesscharity.ca)*

- **FOOD DRIVE**

Description: *Collect canned goods and/or dried staples such as pasta, rice, etc. in support of the work of shelter meal programs and food banks.*

Organizations that will accept donations: *St. Francis Table (416-532-4172), Good Shepherd Centre (416-869-0510), any food bank*

- **TOY DRIVE**

Description: *Collect new toys to benefit children and youth of less fortunate families, particularly during the Christmas season.*

Organizations that will accept donations: *St. Vincent de Paul Society (contact your parish office)*

NOTE: Before performing any service initiative that involves donations to an organization, be sure to do the following:

1. Consult and seek the approval of your pastor regarding the fundraiser or drive you wish to perform at the parish. If approved, work with the parish office to determine the appropriate times to advertise and perform the service initiative.

2. Contact the organization to which you would like to direct your donations and inform them of the service initiative you will be implementing. Work with the organization to see how they can support your efforts.