

What is expected for each experience

1. Make sure thought and prayer went into the experience. Give yourself the time to think about what you did and allow yourself the time to pray about what you are going to do.
2. Make sure the date of the experience is written. ***Make sure you have your book when you do an experience*** and be prepared to journal ***immediately*** after the experience while it is fresh in your head!
3. Write either the **Corporal Work of Mercy** that you served or the **Parish or Community Served**. The Corporal Works of Mercy are listed in this book. One of the Corporal Works of Mercy must be written for 5 service experiences in your book.
4. When describing the experience, **write in detail what you did**. For example, if you bake for a funeral home nursing home, write about what you baked! Paint the picture so anyone that reads your description can put themselves in your shoes!
5. **Explain why you choose this service opportunity**. This is where the prayer comes in. Write what appealed to you about this opportunity and why you felt called to serve God's people in this way.
6. How did the people you served show their graciousness to you? Write what you learned about the people that you helped and how they reacted to your service.
7. Tell how this experience made you a better person. Maybe you found something you did not know you are good at!
8. Importantly, how was God present to you in this experience? Just because you are in a holy place doesn't mean God is automatically present. How did you KNOW God was present in your experience? Describe how you saw God in the people you served or in yourself while performing the experience!
9. **GET THE PROPER SIGNATURE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PERFORMING THE EXPERIENCE!** One of the reasons for doing service experiences is for you to serve other people and to help you grow in your faith and learn about yourself! Make sure you vary your opportunities and get the proper signature. A family member MAY NOT sign for any experiences (for example, donating clothes or money- get receipts or signatures of the person that witnessed you or who you gave the money to!). **You may not have more than 2 repeated signatures for each book.** Make sure you have your book for every experience since you may not be able to back track later to get the correct signature.

Service Experience Date: _____ Entry Number _____

Based on the Corporal Works of Mercy _____

Explain, in detail, what you did for the experience _____

Explain why you chose this service opportunity _____

What did you learn about the people you served by doing this project? _____

What did you learn about yourself by doing this project? _____

How did you know that God was there in what you were doing? _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Parish or Community Served: _____

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