



## #GoMakeADifference

Each school year, St. Paul Catholic High School seeks to organize the school around a particular theme. This year's theme is #GoMakeADifference. Two of our school's Core Values are that of service and community. As a requirement for graduation, each student at St. Paul is required to serve a minimum of 15 hours of community service per school year with a total of 60 hours by the time of graduation. We break those community service hours up into two categories: Falcon Hours (hours given back to the St. Paul community) and Faith in Action Hours (hours given back to the larger local community in the model of the Corporal Works of Mercy). This summer, we would like our students to reflect and pray on the different opportunities that might be available to students at our school to fulfill their Faith in Action hours. Our hope is through this activity, our students will return to school in the fall with some awesome ideas to share with their fellow students.

Description: Each St. Paul student is asked to highlight a service organization that either they have volunteered for in the past or plan to volunteer for in the future. The criteria for choosing an organization is as follows:

1. Recognized service organization (Non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization)
2. This organization cannot offer services contrary to teachings of the Catholic Church
3. This organization should have a local branch

Assignment: Students are required to create a slideshow using PowerPoint, Google Slides, Prezi, etc. The slideshow should be creative and seek to address the following topics as it relates to the service organization they have chosen:

1. What is the history of the organization and why was it founded?
2. What is the scope of the organization:
  1. How many communities/groups are served by this organization?
  2. Does it serve both men and women? Is it focused on a particular group such as adults or children or the elderly?
  3. Is it open to people across religious and cultural boundaries?
3. What services do they provide?
4. What service opportunities are there for high school students with this organization:
  1. Are there things that kids who can't drive/don't drive can do?
  2. How can a student from St. Paul get involved (e.g. contact information)?
5. For students entering grades 11 and 12, how does this organization connect with the Corporal Works of Mercy or Catholic Social Teaching Themes?
6. Finally, why did you pick this group? How can you see yourself helping them?

Due Date: **September 1, 2023**