



# Lumen Christi Project



*You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden... Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5: 14, 16)*

The **goal** of the Lumen Christi project is that students come into closer relationship with Jesus through their service to the poor and vulnerable; develop empathy and compassion for those who are different than themselves; and gain understanding of the Catholic Church's rich social justice tradition.

The Lumen Christi project takes place over junior and senior years at SM. **Each year, students are required to complete 20 hours of direct service and one reflection paper.** This project is a graduation requirement.

Students can choose to work with those with physical/developmental disabilities, the under-resourced, the environment, or can take an active role in teaching their faith. Please refer to the Christian service homepage for pre-approved service agencies. If students wish to work with non-profits that are not pre-approved, they need to obtain permission from their service advisor.

Students log their service hours on the online verification system, **x2vol**.

Ms. Stutzke advises students with last names A-L, and Mrs. Rangel advises students with last names M-Z. Please email, call or visit us in Campus Ministry (G-131) with any questions you might have regarding Christian service.

Lumen Christi means "the light of Christ." It is our hope that when students leave SMCHS, they will go out into the world to be the light of Christ to all that they meet.

# SMCHS JUNIOR/SENIOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE INVENTORY

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## Student Service Inventory to assist in choosing a service site:

1. List activities in which you regularly participate (i.e. sports, music, drama etc.).
2. List the subjects you enjoy and do well in at school.
3. Do you have any particular career interests?
4. List the community/local/global issues that concern you the most.
5. Based on your answers to the above four questions, is there something that you want to learn more about?
6. What time, given all of your current responsibilities, can you realistically schedule for a service activity? What days and time are most convenient to you?
7. What skills would you bring to a service activity? What skills would you like to learn?
8. Do you want to work with people? Children or adults? What experience do you already have in this area?
9. Do you want to be outdoors working with environmental groups? Do you have any experience in this area?
10. Do you like working with animals that need to be rehabilitated? What skills do you bring to this type of service?
11. Are you interested in teaching about your faith tradition through leading faith based class discussions or retreats? Do you have experience in doing this? Do you have a contact?
12. Consider that certain service organizations, such as retirement homes, hospitals, Boys and Girls Clubs and animal shelters have an age limit, require an interview and some sort of training as well as time commitment. Can you give 3 months, 6 months, or a year to a service organization? Do you see value in giving this type of commitment? Why?