A Service Project

You have seen that outreach to the poor and marginalized is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. Here’s your chance to imitate the love Jesus showed for those in need.

**1.** Think of an agency that provides for poor people or of an individual in your community who is in need of a helping hand.

**2.** Contact that agency or individual and offer to assist in any way you are needed. For example, you might shovel snow, rake leaves, or mow grass for an elderly neighbor; provide company for someone who is lonely; work regularly at a soup kitchen or food bank; or participate in a parish project for those in need.

**3.** Complete your service.

**4.** Submit a letter from your parent or the person or agency you helped verifying that you completed   
 the project.

**5.** Write a one-page reflection paper answering the following questions:

* Where and for whom did you complete your service?
* What were your tasks throughout this service?
* How did you see Christ in the person or people you served?
* How do you understand Jesus’ message of care for the poor and marginalized now that you have worked closely with some of these vulnerable people?
* Connect your experience to a story from the Gospel.

**6.** Prepare to share your reflection with the class in a 2- to 3-minute presentation.