

Senior Christian Service Project

Description:

You are to establish a one-on-one relationship with a person during the course of your last year in high school. The goal of this project is to reach out, through the opportunity of this relationship, and reflect the love of Christ to another person by spending time and effort that is totally committed to someone other than yourself, your friends or your family. This is an exercise but of charity and selflessness. We live in a world of ego-glorification and narcissism and in an effort to combat these tendencies in ourselves, we need to share the gifts and talents God gives us with others, particularly those outside our sphere of influence. It is also incumbent on us to live out the Gospel and social teachings of the Church through our actions of love and selflessness.

The Criteria for this relationship are as follows:

- The person must not be related to you.
- The person must be someone outside of your circle of friends.
- The person must not be someone with whom you are currently closely acquainted.
- Ideally, the person would be someone who is younger or older than you. In the case of a younger person, you could fill the role of a mentor and role model. In the case of someone much older, you could fill the role of a companion, friend, and helper.

Requirements for the Project

1. This project requires 20 hours of your time. Five of these hours will be spent finding and establishing the relationship and writing a one-page proposal of your goals for the relationship.
2. You are required to keep a journal during the course of this project. This journal will include entries with the dates and times you met with your friend, the activities you participated in, and a personal reflection of the growth of the relationship.
3. At the end of the 20 hours, you will be required to turn in the journal. In addition, you will be required to submit a report on the relationship in scrapbook format. The scrapbook report should include:
 - Pictures of you and your friend
 - A personal biography of your friend
 - Descriptions of activities you participated in
 - Any significant memorabilia from the relationship
 - A written section on how the relationship has changed or affected you and your life going forward.

Dates:

The one page typed proposal is due by December 10, 2008.
The journal will be checked periodically throughout the semester
The scrapbook report is due at the end of April.