BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

Dear BCHS Parents and Guardians,

The Christian Service Program at BCHS is a vital part of how we accomplish our mission of forming young people in Christ. Through serving others, students have the opportunity to grow in compassion, generosity, responsibility, and an awareness of the needs of those around them.

As you know, each student is expected to complete **10 service hours each semester**. We strongly encourage students to complete these hours gradually throughout the semester to reinforce the message that service is a regular part of Christian life. This helps students understand service not simply as a requirement, but as an opportunity to put our shared values into action.

Service deadlines for the 2026/2027 Academic year are as follows:

- **December 1, 2026**: Ten (10) hours of Christian service need to be logged via MobileServe.
- **May 3, 2027**: An additional ten (10) Christian service hours need to be logged for a total of 20 hours for the academic year.

To help support each student in fulfilling this commitment, students who have not **completed** and **logged** their 10 required hours by the semester deadlines will be assigned to two **mandatory Friday afternoon service sessions**. These sessions will last three hours, and students will be required to attend them in their entirety until 10 hours are reached. If both sessions are not enough to reach 10 hours, the student's service grade (as recorded in their Theology class) will reflect only the number of hours completed.

These mandatory service trips will take place on the following dates:

- Fall Semester: Friday, December 4 and Friday, December 11, 2026.
- Spring Semester: Friday, May 7 and Friday, May 14, 2027.

Our hope is that this added structure will help students stay accountable while also providing meaningful opportunities to serve. We are grateful for the partnership of our students and families as we work together to foster a genuine spirit of service and care for others.

Sincerely,
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