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(Print) Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Students of the Class of 2013:

During January of this semester, a presentation was given to you about your senior service requirements. You also had a preview of the several choices available, through the Service Fair held on our campus. As you continue to research your options on the type of Senior Service project, please ensure that the service program you do will fulfill your graduation requirements. This 'contract' letter describes your expectations for you to complete by the end of semester I of your senior year. **You must share this information with your parents, complete, sign and return this contract in its entirety, directly to the Service Office, as soon as you have selected your choice of service. A copy of approval will be sent to you via email.**

Each senior at Strake Jesuit is required to complete at least 100 hours of community service in order to graduate. Senior projects have taken our students to local soup kitchens and nursing homes, summer camps for special-needs children and to overseas missions, besides serving the community locally. The purpose of The Senior (Apostolic) Project gives us a chance to make our motto of being "*Men for Others*" a reality, a chance, in the words of Community Life, "to put into practice, the attitudes of social justice and Christian concern that are so fundamental to Jesuit education." **It is imperative you understand that your service project must involve service to/with the poor.** Please note that poverty is broader than just economic disadvantage; excellent service projects can be created meeting the needs of the elderly, the disabled, the socially marginalized, etc. However, not all volunteer work (though worthy) is appropriate for Senior Apostolic Project. If you are unsure, **please verify before starting your project to make sure that it satisfies the requirements.** After completion of your service, submit a verification of hours completed to the Service Director soon. During the first semester of your senior year, you will meet with your assigned small group, or individually, with the Service Director, to share your experiences in a Reflection meeting. Finally, you will submit a Reflection paper to your Social Studies teacher, explaining in detail your service project through reflection. **All three components must be completed before first semester exams to ensure full credit earned.**

In order to assist you, our website, under Spiritual Life, Community Service explains all this in detail. There is also a listing of organizations, including summer camps, that count towards your project. If you choose an organization other than those listed in our database, make sure you get it approved by the Service Director prior to starting your hours. If you are having difficulty finding service opportunities, please make an appointment to see the Service Director so as to obtain the help needed. **Please fill out the information below and return this sheet to the Service Office for approval.** You will receive email verification as approval for your project. If information is needed, email correspondence will continue for final approval.

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Senior Service applied for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter Name of Organization here)

Have you applied and been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, explain status: \_\_\_\_\_

If organization is not listed in our database, provide information for approval? Attach any documents or web link: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign below and return to Service Office for approval.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

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