

## Sophomore Service Project – a continuation for Class of 2014

*"Today our prime educational objective must be to form men and women for others; men and women who will live not for themselves but for God and his Christ - for the God-man who lived and died for all the world; men and women who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors."*

--Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Former Superior General of the Society of Jesus

As they continue their Jesuit and Catholic formation, we expect our sophomores to be grounded in the Ignatian ideal that *love expresses itself better in actions than in words*. Therefore, sophomores continue to experience the joy of serving Christ in the needy and the poor among us and follow Christ's call to build a world grounded in faith and justice.

To continue our commitment to service and learning, sophomores are asked to meet a 15-hour service requirement. Students will reflect on their service, gain understanding about people's lives, and be witnesses to helping build God's kingdom of justice and peace.

The sophomore project has both individual and class components: each student must design a 15-hour service project to complete before beginning their junior year, with the focus of service being (i) tutoring/mentoring at charitable agencies and underprivileged schools, or (ii) serving in homeless shelters/soup kitchens in the Greater Houston area community. Many locations are listed on our website database. Any locations not in our database must be pre-approved by the Service Director prior to starting. Other suitable projects are also welcome, although they will need pre-approval. Service may begin during the summer prior to beginning sophomore year.

### The Process and Requirements:

- Each sophomore must think, pray and discern with his family the best place to complete his service project. Pre-approval is not necessary if project is selected from our database, listed on our website.
- Each project will be completed by the first week following Spring Break of sophomore year.
- **Sophomores will submit a Reflection paper to their Theology II teacher by April 5, 2012.** Reflection papers are worth one quiz grade. Please take reflection papers seriously

In addition to individual projects, the mandatory class projects that sophomores undertake are: BEAR Project (Christmas Toy Drive) between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and Special Olympics, hosted during a weekend in the Spring. Details will be provided at a later date.

Should there be questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Service Director via email, [rdsouza@strakejesuit.org](mailto:rdsouza@strakejesuit.org) or by phone 713-448-8437.