• **Campus Ministry Community Service Program Mission Statement**: We are people who look to meet real community needs through consistent and meaningful service. We work to encounter those different from us in ideas and backgrounds in hopes of also encountering the presence of God in the world. We hope to build friendships in the spirit of mutual respect and a sharing of values.

• **Priority points (please change for this semester)**: Students receive two priority points for attending service 8 or more times (16 hours of service) IN ADDITION to attendance at a reflection session at the end of the semester. Students receive one priority point for attending service 5-7 times (10-14 hours of service) IN ADDITION to attendance at a reflection session at the end of the semester. Students receive no priority points for attending service less than 5 times.

• **Expectations of all Campus Ministry Volunteers**:
  o Appropriate actions, speech, and dress are VERY important because as a volunteer you are an ambassador of the college into the community. You represent Marist at your site!
  o Dress appropriately for your site! Jeans (without holes), t-shirts, and comfortable shoes are most appropriate.
    ▪ NO sweatpants and, in some cases, no flip flops or shorts (please ask before wearing them).
    ▪ Please make sure there is no space between your shirt and your pants.
    ▪ Please do not wear any clothing with inappropriate writing.
    ▪ If you have a question about your site’s dress code, please check with the site or contact Katie. Remember - kids are looking to you to learn how to act - and they notice everything. They deserve role models who want to help them develop healthy interests.
  o Treat all the adults and children, and animals, in some cases, with the utmost respect.
  o At some sites, you are there as a mentor and a positive role model for young people. Please act accordingly.
  o For safety reasons, never pick up a child and, if you are unsure about how to handle a situation, always ask the supervisor of your service placement.
  o The kids in the community with whom we work come from very different backgrounds, some of which you may have no experience. If you see or hear something that makes you uncomfortable or you find troubling, please speak to the site supervisor as soon as possible. Also let Katie know.
  o If you are not able to go to service, **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY YOUR SITE AND KATIE**. You will receive contact information when you receive your site placement. Please make sure you give them as much advance warning as possible that you will be unable to attend. They are counting on you!
  o Beginning this service placement requires that you come on a weekly basis. Whether you are serving at a site doing manual labor, playing with kids or taking care of animals, **these organizations are counting on your help every week**. Since the relationship between the sites and our students is crucially important to the Service Program and the organizations’ needs, attendance will be monitored closely and those who seem to be consistently not showing up will be asked to leave whether you are doing service for priority points, discipline, or for some sort of activity.

• **You cannot earn double credit for your service**: For example, if you are doing service for a class, you cannot earn priority points for the same hours.

• **Please be flexible!** It is important that you are flexible with the times you indicate you are available to volunteer. For example, if you have class at 11am, do not indicate you are available to volunteer from 9am-11am. Give yourself some time.

• **All placement forms must be submitted by 9am on Friday, January 29th**. Forms can be submitted via email to campusministryvolunteers@marist.edu, they can be brought to Byrne Campus Ministry Center (the little green building behind Champagnat and Leo), or they can be slid under Katie’s apartment door – Leo 501. It is first come, first served, so it is important to return your form quickly.