Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father” (Mt 5:16). Consistent with the spirit of Theodore Ryken, the founder of the Xaverian Brothers, Xaverian High School calls each of our students to heed the Lord’s call to be of service to one another and to this world. Through completing community service, students call forth what is best in them, honoring their own dignity and growth. Below are the guidelines for the students’ service. It is our hope that in following their Christian vocation, they will find themselves, as Brother Ryken said, “Falling in love with the service of God.”

Guidelines for Community Service:

1. Xaverian students are required to perform six hours of community service each quarter. Completion of this requirement (as well as the mandatory reflection) is ten percent of the quarterly grade.

2. Each student is responsible for scheduling, completing, and recording his or her community service activities. Students need to obtain sponsor signatures after completing the service activity. Parents/Guardians are asked to sign the attached form to confirm the completion of the community service.

3. In order to receive full credit for the community service, each student is required to complete the attached Community Service Confirmation and Reflection. The form is due one week before the end of the quarter, complete with both sponsor signature(s) and parent signature.

4. Community Service may include: Xaverian community activities such as the Open House or Thanksgiving dinner, service activities taking place while participating within the Xaverian music program (such as performing for the elderly) or another Xaverian activity. Students may fulfill their hours of service in their local parishes and communities as well.

5. Community Service does not include: normal family responsibilities, chores, or any paid service. Students with questions about whether the service fulfills the requirement should see their Religion teacher.

Thank you for your support,

Dcn. Kevin McCormack  
Principal

Mr. Brendan Moloney  
Religion Department
Community Service Confirmation and Reflection

Name: ___________________________  Class: ____________  Teacher: _______________

Part I. Listing of Service
Students should receive the signature of an adult sponsor in order to confirm both the service activity and the credited hours. Each student must complete at least 6 hours a quarter.

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Part II. Parents and Guardians please confirm the completion of the community service requirement:

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Part III. Reflection upon Service
Recall your service and write a typed, one-page reflection answering these questions:

➢ Considering Your Role in the Community:
  o Who were you assisting and what service did you perform?

➢ Identifying Your Actions in the Service:
  o What specific roles, tasks or duties were you asked to perform?
  o What personal skills or talents were you able to use?

➢ Remembering Key Moments
  o What were the positive parts of the service?
  o What was the most challenging aspect of the service?
  o Was there an aspect of the service that surprised you?
  o In reflecting upon your service, is there a special moment or a person you recall?

➢ Contemplating Christ’s teachings:
  o How did your actions mirror Christ’s model of service in the Gospels?