

Outreach

IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Establish a Community Service Club.

Students participating in the club would provide assistance as needed to the school and parish. Activities might include:

- Forming a "litter patrol" to keep the school and parish grounds in good order;
- Organizing a recycling program;
- Helping to set up chairs for a meeting;
- Acting as ushers to hand out programs for a parent meeting or Church service;
- Assisting to pack materials gathered from special collections for the poor or needy.

Adopt a nursing home in the local area.

Students could prepare programs of entertainment for the residents or visit with them several times throughout the year. When students write letters and make cards for the elderly/infirm, it brightens their days and helps them to live with the illness/loneliness they experience.

- Have a class "birthday party." Instead of bringing presents for each other, bring a gift for someone who is homeless. You can check with a local homeless shelter to get a list of their needs.
- Have students assist younger students by giving up some time to tutor them.
- Encourage students to volunteer their time at a local hospital or other service agency.
- Encourage the students to participate in the collection of usable items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, food pantries, or other social service organizations in your area.
- Have the students write letters/make cards for local seniors and "shut-ins."

IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY

Have the students participate in raising money for a good cause:

- Missions such as the Holy Childhood Association;
- Victims of natural disasters;
- People in war-torn areas;
- Those who have met with the misfortunes of serious illness or injury, unemployment, crime, fire, etc.

Help the students find a pen-pal in another Catholic school in another state/country. Have them write to them and share ideas for outreach.