

# Community Service Project 2024

- Students will participate in a greeting card/letter writing program.
- Each student will be required to write **AT LEAST** 1 card or letter (PER RESIDENT – approx. 20) to distribute to the residents of the nursing home
- **The main requirement for the project is EFFORT**
- Guidelines
  - Cards can be handmade with any materials you want
  - Cards may be store bought
    - However, if you are using a store bought card – you must also write a note inside each one – your name alone is not sufficient
  - You may write the residents a letter and/or a prayer
    - Write them a letter about yourself, your process in confirmation, your hobbies – anything that you wish to share with them
  - You may include other projects such as ornaments, pictures, small gifts that come from the heart etc
  - Remember – many of these residents no longer have any family. They do not get visitors often and any small act of kindness goes a long way. These residents are full of life and stories that we can all benefit from. They will likely see you as an adopted grandchild and will be thrilled to receive correspondence from you.
- There will be opportunities for you to participate in Parish activities (such as Gaelic Garlic Gala) throughout the year.
- You may also contact me with other ideas for projects and we can coordinate community service day or project to be carried out as a group
  - In the past many students have had wonderful ideas of ways to give back in a way that was meaningful to them
- You will no longer be ticking hours off and checking boxes. The project is designed for you to understand the full meaning of living a Christian life and giving back to others. The meaning and value of community service cannot be counted in hours, but in effort and love.

## **ALL PROJECTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1, 2024**

**Place all cards/gifts in an envelope or bag and deliver to the parish office  
Attn: Trish – they will be placed in my mailbox. You can also arrange to meet  
Trish specifically.**

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**The following are small facts about each resident to give you some insight into their personalities without breaking confidentiality. Please address your card/letter “Dear Friend,”. On the outside of each Card please place the corresponding number – this will allow us to distribute the card/gifts to specific residents. If you are able to use the clues to include in your notes, please do that – your attention to detail as well as the love and compassion you show will be mean the world to these people.**

1. Retired math teacher, female, loves the color pink
2. Retired bank manager, female, loves flowers
3. Retired painter and famous sculptor, female, loves stuffed animals
4. Sailor, male, enjoys shells and anything ocean related
5. Retired from the navy, male, loved to travel
6. Female, a mom, great sense of humor, will love a nice letter and a small gift to decorate her room
7. Female, retired pediatric nurse, painter, loves nail polish
8. Female, a mom, loves flowers, will love a nice letter and a small gift to decorate her room
9. Female, retired massage therapist and dancer, will love a nice letter and a small gift to decorate her room
10. Female, a mom, will love a nice letter and a small gift to decorate her room
11. Male, retired from the armed forces, will love a nice letter
12. Female, retired nurse, loves stuffed animals/small things to hold, enjoys painting and small crafts
13. Female, retired advocate against domestic violence and counselor, loves stuffed animals and things to decorate her room, enjoyed traveling to the Caribbean in her free time
14. Male, retired financial advisor, loved to travel, used to live in Paris, loves old music and is great at trivia
15. Female, a mom, will love a nice letter and a small gift to decorate her room
16. Female, a mom, very Italian, all her kids work in the medical field,
17. Female, mom to several, will love a nice letter/ a small gift to decorate her room
18. Female, will love a nice letter/ a small gift
19. Male, retired engineer, a dad, likes to go out with friends and family
20. Female, retired pharmacist, a mom, loves to play games on her iPad and spend time with family