

## Overview of Year 2 Service Projects 2020

**SERVICE PROJECTS** are one of the 3 strands of the **COME FOLLOW ME** journey. As Christians, Followers of Jesus Christ, we have an obligation to reach out to our sisters and brothers, especially those in need.

By using your God-given gifts and talents, you will choose a Service Project from the list of outlines below. On signing up for your choice, more detailed guidelines will be sent to help you to complete the best possible Service Project. These projects are designed to allow you to learn more about the topic, extend your skills and take actions to inform and support others.

### Sacred Art, Social Teaching & Liturgical Service Projects

**Advent Sacred Space Service Project** Create a *Jesse Tree for the home* **STARTING** Tuesday 1 December

The Jesse Tree tells the Bible stories leading to the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. You will need **to think and plan** how you **will make and hang** each symbol through the 25 days to Christmas morning. **Choose** to stand a bare branch or make a poster to hang on the wall. You may make 3D items or make 2D symbols to cut and hang or stick on the poster.

**Liturgical Calendar Service Project.** **STARTING** with **ADVENT** which starts Sunday November 29.

Candidates with the help of parents and guardians are invited to journey through the Church's Liturgical 2020 -2021 year and to meet the many Holy Men and Women who we celebrate in the calendar and who are models of Service in their Teaching, Nursing, Preaching and most importantly Praying.

Candidates will

- 1 Create their own Liturgical Calendar... guidelines and sample calendar will be provided.
2. The Calendar apart from including every Sunday and all the liturgical seasonal events like Christmas and Easter, it also must include the following: Our Lady's major Feast days, Our two Patron Saints, The Feast day of the Saint's name you are taking for Confirmation or the name of a Saint that is in your family, like Dad's name or Mom's name, and it must include a Saint that you admire because of their Service to the Church and the people of God.

#### *Catholic Social Teaching Service Project*

CST is about issues that affect society like Hunger, Poverty, Conflict, Environment, Migration and more. If everyone put CST into action it would transform the world. It challenges the world in the light of scripture. This project asks you to inform yourself, design a poster and suggest how youth can take an action or express a wish to make that principle work in our world today. How might those actions make our world a better home for all people?

Watch this fun video which explains CST in 3 mins. <https://youtu.be/ELyLdMIFdzA>

## Laudato Si based service projects

Pope Francis calls all of us to urgent action to combat the destruction that is being inflicted on earth, our common home and reminds Christians of our duty to be good stewards of creation. This list gives some practical ideas for what can be done at home to answer this call.

**First**, watch this 4 min. video on the earth <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/laudato-si/>

**Then**, choose ONE from the list below some actions you can carry out to show your interest in guardianship of creation, our people, and the animals, plants and the planet.

The following **3** projects invite *young investigators* to examine how we use the precious resources of the earth. Through a clear *structured* approach, Candidates will have fun monitoring usage and using the *interesting materials provided*. Make your work as attractive as possible, so that others will learn from your work.

### **Water Waste**

Water is a precious resource and we cannot live without it. Below are examples to help.

For this project you will undertake monitoring water being wasted in your family home. Dripping and leaking taps and running the water while washing hands and teeth. Reusing waste water like watering plants with water which has been used for washing. Keep in mind climate change and carbon footprints using the fun resources Monitor and note each week making comparisons and linking to *Laudato Si* \*over a few weeks. Have it signed by a parent/guardian.

### **Food Waste**

We waste so much food globally that one quarter of what we waste could feed 790 million under nourished people in our world.

For this project you will monitor food waste in your family home. The challenge is to eliminate as much waste as possible being conscious of using leftovers, buying local, air miles/kilometers, packaging and composting. Keep in mind climate change and carbon footprints. Monitor and note it each week making comparisons and linking it to *Laudato Si*\* over a few weeks. Have it signed by a parent /guardian.

### **Family Nature Walk**

This walk covers the 4 seasons and you will do the walk in at least two of the seasons.

Taking St. Francis of Assisi and our own Irish saints as models, we need to approach nature and the environment with a sense of awe, wonder and love, the *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*.

Note what you see on your family walk which reminds you of God's creation. Also note the damage that we as humans do to destroy our environment. Keep in mind climate change and carbon footprints. Link this with *Laudato Si*. Make a scrapbook and have it signed by a parent/guardian.

\* Pope Francis invites us in Laudato Si to care for our world and all living things because the spirit of God lives in every creature and calls us into a relationship with him/her. (LS88)

**Green Awareness** This project is carried out from February into June

As our climate changes, animals and insects are having problems. Food and plants need bees and insects to pollinate them to develop. Your task is to investigate how and why bees are in trouble. Select an area of 1msq in your garden or any green area. Make regular observations and note to record regularly. Select a window box, old planter or pot, or area of garden. Choose to observe and record how nature colonises. Let dandelions, grass, clover and weeds grow. Note the growth and the number and variety of insects and bees that visit. Remember there are many varieties. You could also plant some flowering herb or plant as food for the bees. [Junior-Pollinator-Plan-2018-WEB-1.pdf \(pollinators.ie\)](#)

*Create a Pilgrim/Camino Beag route. This plan is completed on paper from home. You might like to follow it next spring in the brighter weather.*

A pilgrim is one who makes a journey for a religious reason or to a sacred place. Research and create a pilgrim journey following in the footsteps of St Mochua, or others. You might plan and create a map for others/pilgrims, marking important landmarks and points where you think suitable to stop, pause, reflect and pray maybe for someone in particular or for the challenges of our world today. Mark the beginning and end and the stops on your route. Make your map as interesting as possible so that others could also use it.

**MAD – Make A Difference,**

*Be the one to make a difference & Share the good news.*

**Why?**

*It is what the Gospel message is about. Let us look out for each other.*

*Dare to dream what our home, school, parish, country, and world can be like – if we all do something.*

**Share acts of Kindness.**

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