

Thank you for your interest in Catholic Charities of Louisville. We look forward to working with students and educators on their Confirmation journey. The opportunities and ideas we are providing below will enhance your students' preparation. The opportunities below allow for each participant to not only achieve their service goals but also be immersed in the Catholic social teachings that will be important in the confirmation journey. We look forward to assisting on this journey while doing good for those in need in the community.

*** Please note: All adults are required to have background checks and safe environment training on file to participate in volunteer activities with CCL.**

*** Please connect with us around your plans early so we are able to adapt them to your school. This also allows us to ensure the opportunity is still timely.**

See below for ways you and your students can move the mission of Catholic Charities forward. Thank you!

Open Opportunities

- **Adopt a program.** Choose a CCL program and we can provide speakers, learn about advocacy work, ways to assist and possible volunteer opportunities, while your students can learn, host drives or fundraisers, volunteers or participate in advocacy.
- **Filling welcome/goodie bags:** Toiletries for nursing home residents, human trafficking clients, homeless, etc.
- **Hygiene donations** are always in need and are used in a variety of CCL programs
- **Gift Cards** are always in need to buy specific products determined by our team or to give to clients for specific needs. Please inquire about which gift cards are useful if you want to do this.
- **Amazon Smiles:** Choose CCL when buying items online to support us.
- **General Funds** – Be creative. Anything from car washes to bake sales is welcome, as well as other fundraising ideas are encouraged and appreciated too. CCL can always use general funds to run programs outside of material items.

Christmas – *This year families will be offered the chance to choose the gifts for their children from the items purchased. We believe this gifts families choice and dignity...and kids receive what they will truly enjoy!*

- Sign up your church/school to purchase, collect and deliver gifts to CCL
- Sorting and pricing Christmas items (late Nov/early Dec)

Food Pantries (Sister Visitor Center, Fr. Jack Jones Food Pantry, etc.)

- Item drive – canned goods, non-perishables, hygiene (check for what it needed before donating)
- Volunteer to move items as we reorganize our space

Community Support Services

- Host a Baby Shower to provide items for moms
- Collection for specific cribs and car seats

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Migration and Refugee Services

- Awareness speaker
- Refuge simulations
- Volunteer to clean out donation room

Bahkita Empowerment Initiative (Human Trafficking)

- Quarter drive and hygiene donations
- Speaker: adolescent empowerment and training of our *My Life My Choice* program

Long Term Care Ombudsman (Assisted Living)

- Gift Bags: Nail polish, puzzles, games (Contact us. Must be approved by agencies first)
- We Care/ Thinking of You Cards
- Christmas Card Programs

Common Table (Culinary Arts Job Skills Training Program)

- Plan a takeout dinner night*
- Purchase knife sets for our culinary graduates

**Sales from soups and box lunches provide scholarships to students in our program. We can deliver food to schools for lunch or take home. Can offer virtual program to watch while eating. Can deliver food to homebound parishioners. This is a new opportunity – will need to work out logistics by school.*

Common Earth Gardens (Community Gardens/Farmers Markets) > seasonal

- Volunteer nights on Tuesday - 5 people/ weeding, watering, compost, plant

Indigent Burial

- Attend memorial services for those who do not have any family or means for a proper service

Tell Me More Series – CCL information session (1 hour). Can provide for students. Students can arrange for parish groups or after mass. Virtual or in-person.

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