

Through being fortunate enough to attend Fordham Prep, I have been blessed with the ability to serve my human family in many ways. As a Jesuit School we are taught to be “men for others” and our three most important values are faith, scholarship, and service. I put this into action and at school I am the President of our Just Serve club, Leader on our Ministry team, member of the Social Justice Committee, and a peer tutor. In Just Serve, we are focused on doing justice and service within our own community. We participate in breakfast runs, through Midnight Run, at least four times a year funded by our student run bake sales or other small service opportunities like helping a community garden or visiting an elderly home. Along with this in the Social Justice Committee we focus more on doing justice by being a voice and working with legislators to improve policies for those who are marginalized. Lastly, as a leader in ministry we learn leadership skills based on Jesus’ example and use them to lead retreats for underclassmen to develop their own faith.

Between all of these, I have completed countless hours of community service in a plethora of places. First at school as a tutor, and near school delivering food to nearby organizations like the Concourse House for women and children fleeing domestic violence. I have traveled to Nogales, Mexico where we served food to migrants at Kino Border Initiative waiting on their court dates. I have been to Baltimore, Maryland twice to serve a hot meal and grocery bags to the homeless at Viva House run by FP alumni Brenden Walsh and his wife. I went to Scott County, Tennessee to work with Habitat for Humanity where fellow students and I raised money to fund and build a new home for a family in need; I was assigned to tear down, fix, and build a new deck and ramp for an elderly woman. Lastly, I have led three retreats for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to help them discover themselves and build their faith.

Outside of this, we are all required to complete a service project at any site of our choice, personally I chose to volunteer at White Plains Hospital where I am a transporter for patients. I try to create a positive environment and help patients as best I can. This is where I relate to the mission of St. Vincent's mission to strive for excellence in service and healthcare and creating an atmosphere of support and shared ministry. My ultimate goal is to combine my passions for spreading faith, serving others, and medicine into one career. St. Vincent’s hospital encapsulates all of this. Seeing how one simple act of service can impact a single person drives me to keep working to hopefully create a world where the dignity of every human being is respected and cared for.

Mexico - 10 hours total

Baltimore - 7 hours each 14 total

Breakfast runs - 3 hours each 15 total

Tennessee - 35 hours total

White Plains Hospital - 22 hours total

Retreats - 3 two day retreats

Countless hours planning for Just Serve SJC and MLT