



ST. RITA of CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL

AN AUGUSTINIAN COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL

Veritas † Unitas † Caritas

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REFLECTIVE OUTWARD SERVICE EXPERIENCE

The R.O.S.E. (Reflective Outward Service Experience) Program is fashioned after the Augustinian tradition of an active love for others originating from one's personal relationship with God. It is in serving those most in need that the Augustinian values of Veritas - Truth, Unitas - Unity and Caritas -Love, are especially fostered in Ritamen and the social calling of the Christian life is actively realized. While there are a variety of social responsibilities for Christians to the family, Church, state and other communities, the purpose of the R.O.S.E. Program is to pay special attention to those most in need. In the Gospels Jesus sets a radical example of an unconditional love of others by associating with the poor, oppressed, sick, children, widows, tax collectors, prisoners, and sinners. This is because these are the people most in need, both physically and spiritually, and God's love extends in a particularly special way to these persons, especially now. As a Catholic community, Ritamen are called to participate actively in their Christian identity by serving those most marginalized.

PROGRAM DETAILS

R.O.S.E. Hour Requirements:

- The **Class of 2024** must complete and submit **35 hours** of service by the end of their junior year - **by April 15, 2023**.
- The **Class of 2025** must complete and submit **35 hours** of service by the end of their junior year - **by April 15, 2024**.
- The **Class of 2026** must complete and submit **15 hours** of service by the end of their freshman year - **by April 15, 2023**.

R.O.S.E. Service Activities:

- Only those activities approved through The Campus Ministry Center will be honored as R.O.S.E. Hours.
- Due to COVID – 19, students will only take part in service activities deemed safe using CDC and State of Illinois guidelines. There will be other approved service activity options promoted by The Campus Ministry Center. Approved service activities will be posted in The Campus Ministry Center and will also be promoted regularly in the Daily Announcements and posted on x2VOL.
- Students may also choose to take part in a service activity not listed on x2VOL or promoted by The Campus Ministry Center by submitting a service activity proposal to Mr. Andy McIntosh. Students must email Mr. Andy McIntosh at amcintosh@stritahs.com with the service location and nature of the service being completed. It is encouraged that all students explore diverse, safe service opportunities, however, only those activities submitted properly and approved by Mr. Andy McIntosh will be honored as R.O.S.E. Hours. Therefore, it is highly recommended that all students clear any new service activities with Mr. Andy McIntosh prior to partaking in that service experience to insure they will be approved.
- Students are encouraged to complete service beyond the St Rita community; however, all St. Rita activities used for service hours must first be cleared through Mr. Andy McIntosh.

- Service entails a free gift of one's time and talents and this means that students may not be compensated for their service in any way in order to validly complete their R.O.S.E. Program requirements. R.O.S.E. is also meant to aid not-for-profit organizations and the most vulnerable of our society. Assisting family members or volunteering at an office/business may be accepted toward a student's requirement.

R.O.S.E. Hour Submissions:

- In order to receive credit for service hours, students must successfully submit their hours online through Naviance Student – x2VOL. Students gain access to their x2VOL account by first logging into their St. Rita Naviance Student account:
 - Click on the Naviance Student link in the footer (quicklinks) of the St. Rita website.
 - User Name: Student's St. Rita Email Address
 - Password: Student's Naviance Student Password
 - Once in Naviance Student click x2VOL under Resources.
- All hours must be submitted properly online using the x2VOL reporting system which includes proper contact information for the Service Site Supervisor. As part of each submission, students should write a brief reflection, which includes any special highlights or encounters they had during the service.
- All entries must be input into x2VOL within 30 days of the service activity being completed. Any service obtained during the summer (June 1-August 15), must be entered by September 30th of the given year.
- Random audits will be conducted to verify attendance and completion of service activities. Any student who is found to have falsified his service will have his hours voided and be reported to the Principal for violation of the Academic Honesty Policy found in the Student Handbook.

R.O.S.E. Reflection Requirements:

- Upon completion of the R.O.S.E. Hours each student will submit a final 1-2 page typed reflection of their service experience. Guidelines for writing the reflection paper will be available upon completion of required hours.

Completion of the R.O.S.E. Program:

- Completion of the R.O.S.E. Program is determined on a Complete/Incomplete basis consisting of two elements:
 - The required number of hours is completed, and the corresponding online entries are submitted via x2VOL on a timely basis.
 - The student fully and thoughtfully prepares and writes a final reflection paper.
- Students who satisfactorily meet these two elements on time will be issued a passing grade for their R.O.S.E. Hours. Each student will receive an update of his progress yearly, however, at the conclusion of the 2nd Semester of junior year each student's final status will be issued on his report card and transferred to his high school transcript. *Please note, the R.O.S.E. Hour grade does not impact a student's GPA.*
- Those students who do not satisfactorily meet these two elements will receive an incomplete for their R.O.S.E. Hour grade until each requirement of the program is met.
- Students can always view their current progress with their R.O.S.E. Hours by logging into their Student Naviance – x2VOL account and viewing their approved service hours.

If you have any questions regarding the R.O.S.E. Program, please contact:

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