



BE THE LIGHT SEASON 2021

SERVICE PROJECT | DUE: SUNDAY, APRIL 25

It has been a tradition at New York Catholic Youth Day to provide service as an integral component of our day. This year, in the year of St. Joseph, we want you to bring that spirit of service to your local communities. We invite your parish or school to identify groups of young people to **BE THE LIGHT** by participating in service opportunities in your community. Parishes and schools who participate in this project will automatically be entered for a chance to have an event of your choosing, hosted by our team at your parish or school.

Here is how to participate:

STEP 1

Sign up to join the Be the Light Service Project at ARCHNY.ORG/BETHELIGHT

STEP 2

Entrust your service to St. Joseph by downloading and praying the St. Joseph prayer from the website above.

STEP 3

Look for an area in need in your community (Needs Assessment):

- **Food Security:** Are there individuals or families who don't have enough food to eat?
- **Home Security:** Are there individuals who are sleeping on the streets or in a shelter?
- **Visitation:** Are there individuals who live in a nursing home or is a veteran living alone?
- **Financial Support:** Are there individuals who don't have enough money to buy a coat?

STEP 4

Identify a way to make a difference for those in need:

- Run a **can or food drive** at your parish and bring to a local food pantry.
- Make **care packages and prayers cards** to give to those in need on the street or in a shelter.
- Make a **video message** sharing your talents or prayer cards and send it to a local nursing home, veteran living facility, or parishioners who live alone.
- Run a **parish or school coat drive or fundraiser** to raise money to buy basic necessities for those in need.
- Create **your own project or idea** using the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

STEP 5

Go out to your community, bring light to those in need, post it on social media:

- **Identify a date** to host your service project.
- **Participate** in the project.
- **Take pictures** of your group participating.
- **Post pictures and videos** to Instagram or Facebook using #BeTheLightNY21 #NYCYD2021 and tag OYMNY.

STEP 6

Reflect with your group on the impact of your efforts:

- What did you learn about the community in need?
- How did you bring the light to the community?
- In what way did you see Christ in the Community?
- What can we do to continue to share the light to others?

