

2025/2026
First Step to Service Program



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church and aligned with the vision of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), this curriculum helps students grow in faith, discover their dignity, and become witnesses of hope in their schools, families, and communities.

Serving in Faith, Walking in Love
~ Jubilee Year 2025



Jeremiah 1:5

Before I formed you in the
womb, I knew you.

This verse reminds us that each student – and every person we serve – is uniquely created and known by God. In the classroom, you can emphasize the dignity and worth of every child by encouraging respect, kindness, and inclusion. Through the First Step to Service program, students learn that just as they are valued by God, they are called to value and serve others, especially those in need within our communities.

Matthew 25:40

Amen, I say to you, whatever
you did for one of these
least brothers of mine,
you did for me.

This verse is at the heart of Catholic Charities' mission. In the classroom, teachers can guide students to see that every act of service – no matter how small – is an act of love for Christ Himself. By serving classmates, families, and those in need, students live out the Gospel and bring hope to others.



**OPT-IN Once for
the whole year!**

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