

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Octave of Service

### **Does everyone need to sign a waiver for photos to be shared with The Catholic Virginian and Office of Communications?**

- No, they do not need to sign a waiver.
- They should be made aware that any photos or videos could be shared with The Catholic Virginian, Office of Communications, or your parish website/social media.
- Please note that the Catholic Virginian will only accept candid photos.
- Consider including a statement like this in your promotions or on Flocknote.
  - By participating in the Octave of Service events, I acknowledge that any photos or video from events might be used on various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, including, but not limited to, the websites of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and The Catholic Virginian, and social media platforms of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

### **Are we required to submit a report on what we are doing?**

- There is link to a survey in the planning document to complete. There is a link on the website also.
- Link to survey: [Octave of Service Feedback](#)

### **If we are currently using a disclaimer on Facebook and via Flocknote, do we have to do an additional disclaimer?**

- No, you do not. But please be courteous and communicate with those you are taking pictures of to make sure they are comfortable with that photo potentially being publicized.

### **Does a parish have to have a project every day or is it ok to have just one day and one project?**

- No, you do not. You may do one day, a couple days, or every day.
- We encourage you to do some type of prayer on days when you are performing a service. Examples include virtual rosary for hungry and homeless or a prayer service for those who are incarcerated. We want to emphasize the power of prayer in our pursuit of justice.

### **Do we have to concentrate on local charities?**

- No, you do not have to focus on local charities.

### **Are there any suggestions for Haiti or global concerns?**

- For Haiti, selling free trade coffee and chocolate
- Parishes can incorporate existing programs into the Octave
- International issues and global solidarity can be included in the week

### **What are some projects parishes are doing?**

- Youth building bird houses for Habitat for Humanity

- A "Can Do!" food drive to benefit the Bread for Life Food Pantry
- A Baby Shower to collect baby supplies for the Catholic Charities Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Writing letters to all our homebound and sick
- Writing letters to residents at assisted living centers
- Cat supplies for Humane Society
- Rosaries to kick it all off - Luminous Mysteries
- Litany for social justice both Sundays after last Masses
- Collecting supplies for Advent bags that are sent to prisoners
- Saying the Angelus everyday at noon. Sending reminder out via Flocknote.
- Viewing of the new "Fatima" movie
- Prayer in front of an abortion clinic
- Drive-in movie
- Collecting items for Catholic Charities
- Training on writing letters to those who are incarcerated
- Beautification project