

Service Theological Reflection: Rubric and Directives

Reflection is an essential part of the study of theology. In this assignment you are asked to reflect on an experience of service in which you have participated. (This could be service recently done, something that occurred over the summer or in the not-too-distant past). You are to recall the theological concepts that have been introduced in this class (prayer, incarnation, discipleship, faith, vocation, etc.), the principles of Catholic Social Teachings, and key figures that you have studied such as Francis of Assisi, persons from the Hebrew Scriptures (Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David, one of the prophets, etc.) or the Christian Scripture (Jesus, John the Baptist, an apostle, Paul, etc.). You may also consider figures introduced in story, such as Adam and Eve, Noah, Job, or a character in one of Jesus' parables. Then ask how God might have been present in the service rendered. Finally, in light of this reflection do you have new or deeper insights into the service you performed? Then complete the writing rubric below.

Reflection Paper

Paper Format: The assignment must be at least 2 pages (no more than 3) in length, double spaced and using a standard 12 point font. It is to be developed in four parts:

Part 1: (½ page) Recall the service you performed.

- Describe it *briefly*: what was it/when/where/how/why
- At the time, how did you feel doing this service (energized, reluctant, happy, upset, etc.)?
- How did the person/s served benefit from your actions?
- How did you benefit from the service?

Part 2: (½ page) How did your personal experience connect with what you studied this semester?

- What event for the life of Francis, what Scripture passage or theological concept or principle of CST, sheds light on this experience?
- Give two specific examples that support this connection.

Part 3: (½ page) In light of this theology course how do you now see God in the service that you performed?

- What insights did you gain about yourself and God from this experience?
- What might God have been communicating to you?

Part 4: (½ page) Summarize the experience of doing this theological reflection.

- Did it help you to see the service you performed in a broader or deeper context?
- Did it make you aware of anything that you might have overlooked prior to doing the reflection?

This assignment is worth ____ points. See the attached rubric. It is due ____.