

Introduction to Group Projects

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me" (John 5:39)

1. Concepts and Goals

- a. Students in The Servants Preparation Course are encouraged to participate in group projects for the reasons below:
 - i. To experience the life of fellowship with peers in the class
 - ii. To learn how to work efficiently and successfully in a team setting
 - iii. To explore new areas/aspects of The Holy Bible and Christian life
 - iv. To grow in depth of knowledge through study and meditation
 - v. To practice giving lessons and answering questions in a live/on-the-spot setting

2. Project Frequency

- a. Students are to present 2-3 projects each year for a total of 4-6 over the duration of the course
- b. The course instructor is to assign a team leader for each project
 - i. Please note, each student is encouraged and to be given the opportunity to lead a group and that no one person can hold the leadership position more than once
 1. This is done in an effort to build confidence and demonstrate commitment and responsibility
- c. The course instructor is to ensure that teams change in each project to mimic the life of service with many peoples

3. Project Execution

- a. The course instructor will assign 3-4 leaders
 - i. This number may vary depending on the size of the class
- b. The course instructor then randomly assigns each student to a group under an already established leader
- c. The team leader is now responsible in obtaining the contact information of all the members in their group
 - i. Contact information includes, but is not limited to, phone numbers and email address
- d. The course instructor will assign each project to the team leader
- e. The team leader will divide the project amongst their team giving specific instructions and direction to each individual
- f. The team leader will establish the platform (Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Slides, Prezi Presentation, Poster, etc.) in which each member will contribute their contributions

- i. Please note, it is the responsibility of the team leader to follow up with each individual regarding their assigned portions of the project and to complete any of outstanding/missing portions
- g. The team leader shall arrange for a time and a place for the group to meet and practice before the assigned date of presentation
- h. On the date, and at the beginning, of the group presentation, the group shall present themselves in formal attire and spirit before the class, the priest(s), and/or the bishop(s)
- i. During the presentation, each member will present their portion in detail and answer any questions that may be asked by fellow peers, guests, or the course instructor
- j. At the end of the presentation, the course instructor shall thank the team and comment on the overall performance of the group
- k. Finally, the students shall be rewarded, by the course instructor, the priest(s), and/or the bishop(s) for their work

4. The Assessment of The Group Project

- a. The instructor will assign a grade (out of 100%) to each member of the group in relation to their presentation
 - i. Please note, criteria for this grade includes, but is not limited to, the degree of information collected/presented, the ability to answer questions on-the-spot, overall presentation skills, degree of commitment and contribution to the group, etc.
- b. Please note, participation in the group projects is central, and a deciding factor, in a student's graduation from the servants preparation course
- c. The course instructor is to follow up with any, and all, students who refuse/lack participation in the group projects in an individualized session

5. The Role of The Clergy

- a. The priest(s) and/or the bishop(s) are always to be invited to attend the group's live presentation and to comment, ask questions, encourage, and thank the group