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## **McAuley Juniors Give Back to the Community with a Day of Service**

The nearly 400 members of the Mother McAuley Junior Class stepped out of the classroom and into the community for their recent Day of Service.

“Service is an essential component of Mother McAuley’s mission and by having the students spend a day outside of the classroom immersed in helping others is a great lesson,” said McAuley Service Coordinator Molly Meade-McGowan.

The student’s visited more than 20 different sites throughout Chicago. Some of their work included reading to preschool students at St. Martin DePorres House of Hope in the Woodlawn neighborhood; preparing meals at the Ronald McDonald House at Comer Children’s Hospital; sorting and boxing up shoes at Share Your Soles in Alsip; helping with activities at the LaSalle Senior Center and Misericordia on the North Side; as well as cleaning up the lake front with the Chicago Park District 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Beach Restoration Project.

At the end of the day the students returned to McAuley for a prayers, reflection and spiritual music by the Harmony, Hope, and Healing Choir. This was the first of what hopes to become an annual event for the students at Mother McAuley.



