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Dear Student,

Thank you for your applying to be a Service Coordinator and/or Retreat Team Leader for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. If you are receiving this letter, it means that the Campus Ministry Team has selected you from among your peers to serve in at least one of these significant leadership positions in our school. Congratulations! Thank you for offering to serve with us this year. For the most part, we have tried to honor your requests. In some few cases, however, it may have been that we had to place you on a retreat and/or a service project that was in need of leadership and to which the team believed you could contribute greatly. Please check the enclosed lists to find where you have been placed. If you see a real conflict with a retreat date or you do not wish to serve as a coordinator of the project you received, please contact me as soon as possible at dhajduk@delbarton.org. We would need to make adjustments accordingly.

The retreat program is a cherished tradition at Delbarton where the values and beliefs of the school are proclaimed and explored. As you already know from your own retreat, this experience is primarily peer-to-peer ministry where you will share your faith, successes, and struggles with other students. There will be five meetings during the months prior to your retreat in order to prepare for the activities, and sharings that make up a retreat weekend. Since this training is critical to the success of the retreat, all team meetings are required of the members. These meetings will be held after school, once or twice a week, and should conclude by 4pm. I am confident that you will find the meetings and the weekend itself both exhilarating and informative. *Please make a note of the weekend of your retreat to avoid conflicts with commitments, SATs, sports or other co-curricular activities.*

The slate of community service programs will remain essentially the same. The service coordinator has the primary responsibility to recruit other students for a specific project. Experience has shown that you can recruit many more of your peers than faculty can! *There will be a workshop for all community service coordinators during an M Block soon after school begins.* All coordinators are expected to attend. Your job description and responsibilities will be presented during this program. This workshop will also serve as a preparation for the Community Service Fair for the entire student body on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Details on the latter will be shared at the orientation for service coordinators.

If you applied to be both a Service Coordinator and Retreat Team Leader and do not find your name on one of the enclosed lists, it unfortunately means that, due to the large pool of applicants, we could not match your application with a position in that program. We do thank you for your application, and trust that, even though you did not receive a leadership role in that program, you will continue to show your support for it.

Again, I am so delighted that you will be involved in leadership in Campus Ministry! Enjoy the rest of the summer. I look forward to working with you during the coming year.

Blessings!

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