

Confirmation Service

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation includes participation in service projects. As Catholics and as human beings we are called to live out the call of Confirmation to spread and proclaim the Catholic faith to all corners of the world. Through service, we show Christ's love to the world.

“Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Your eyes are the eyes through which He looks compassionately on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body on earth but yours.”

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We are all called to be Christ in our world for the care and blessing of others. That is why it is appropriate to do service before Confirmation. To be a follower of Jesus, we must love the world as He does and be prepared to care for our brothers and sisters in need in His place – this is a great calling and a great privilege.

As part of a lifelong commitment to “be Christ in the world,” not just a Confirmation commitment, Confirmation candidates will experience a variety of ways to be of service to others. As St. Francis says, “preach the Gospel at all times, and if you have to use words.” There are 4 categories of service that candidates will participate in.

- 1 PARISH
- 2 COMMUNITY
- 3 FAMILY
- 4 PERSONAL GROWTH

All service projects must be in accord with Church teaching and unpaid. Service projects should not be tasks that are ordinarily expected at home. It is not enough to KNOW about faith. As you mature in your faith, you will discover increased responsibilities in this area of your life. The projects that you undertake will help you discover your gifts and talents and how you can serve others now and throughout your life.

The services that you perform should be logged on the attached page. All service projects should be completed by January 30th, signed by both the candidate and parent or sponsor and turned in to your Religion teacher.

EXAMPLES OF WAYS TO SERVE

PARISH

- Servers; serve a wedding or funeral for free
- Volunteer to help at PSR
- Rosary Rally
- SoulCore

COMMUNITY

- Nursing Homes
- Mary Magdalen House
- Matthew 25 Ministries
- Ronald McDonald House
- Tender Mercies
- St. John's Social Service Center
- Volunteer with Catholic Charities

FAMILY/NEIGHBORHOOD

- Neighborhood clean up
- Babysitting (unpaid)
- Extra chores (other than normally required)
- Plan a family night

PERSONAL GROWTH

- Attend Parish events
- Attend Parish prayer services
- Attend an extra Liturgy during Christmas break or on a Saturday
- Spend time at Adoration
- Attend Holy Hour in the Church

Check the Sunday Bulletin for updated service opportunities

Pray about your service. Examine your own gifts and talents. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Do not just seek ways to finish the service quickly. Challenge yourself and be creative! Other than established programs at school or locally, you might have some new ideas to explore or share with others. Your service project should lead you to a greater desire to serve, draw out virtues in your life, and ultimately bring you closer to God.

Upon completion of your service projects, you will complete a Service reflection. This form is attached and will be turned in with the service log.

Confirmation Service Log

Candidate's Name: _____

DIRECTIONS:
Please fill out the page as you complete your service projects. You will need to complete 2 service projects in each category – Parish, Community, Family and Personal Growth. **DUE JANUARY 30th**

Date	Category Parish, Community, Family , Personal Growth	Description of service project and candidate's particular role	Signature of Supervisor

Candidate's Signature: _____

Parent/Sponsor Signature: _____

TEACHER: _____

DUE JANUARY 30th (to Religion teacher)

- 1 Describe the service you performed.
- 2 Before doing this service, were you looking forward to it? Why or why not?
- 3 How was doing it different than your ideas about it?
- 4 What did you learn about yourself during this experience?
- 5 How do you think this experience affected the lives of other?

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“Wherever I am, if I am doing God’s work, I will be happy.”