



Saint Joseph Parish

Confirmation Service Hours

You are not the future of the Catholic Church, you *are* the Catholic Church. The Church is not just priests, deacons, nuns and brothers but all of its people. Catholics are a people of action. You are Christ's presence in the world. If you do not act who will?

To help get this idea across we are requiring of you Service Hours or volunteer time both at your parish and in your community. There will be a minimum of **TWENTY HOURS** required before Confirmation. (That's about one and a half hours a month.) I would suggest that at least half of these hours be made through or for your parish. This includes volunteering around the school, joining in any youth group service project, or volunteering at any of the general parish functions. Other service opportunities include:

- ✓ Assisting at Donut Sunday
- ✓ Assisting the Sacristans at the Church on Saturday Mornings.
- ✓ Assisting in the Parish Offices
- ✓ Assisting at Parish and School Functions: Parish Picnic, 8th Grade Graduation Dinner, etc.
- ✓ Altar & Rosary Functions

The rest of your hours can be from other volunteer activities that are not parish based. These might include:

- ✓ Volunteering at the Peter Maurin Center, St. Bernard's (Akron), Good Samaritan Hunger Center at a food pantry
- ✓ Visiting a nursing home: Altercare, Cuyahoga Falls Country Place, Sunrise Assisted Living, Heather Knoll
- ✓ Assisting a neighbor with chores they are not able to do because of physical limitations or age.
- ✓ Writing a letter to a service man or woman showing your appreciation (an hour per letter).
- ✓ Spending time with a shut in, picking up litter in a public park, or any such service project.

If you are wondering if your activity works as a Service Hours requirement please ask right away! If you find yourself being paid to do something that you were hoping to count as service hours, you could donate your pay to the parish or other charitable cause. So for example, if you took an hour and cut Mrs. McLawns's yard for her because she is 90 years old, broke her pinky toe, and has always been so generous to you and then she gave you \$5 because you are such a nice kid, you could give the \$5 to Catholic Relief Services and count that time as service.

Please use the attached sheets to record your hours. Additional forms may be found at www.saintjoe.org/Confirmation. I would advise you getting them finished as quickly as possible so that you do not have them hanging over your head. Make it enjoyable and perhaps discover new ways of being an active Catholic in your parish or as a Catholic assisting your community. These are just a few ideas, there are many opportunities if you look. If you have questions or concerns please contact Mr. Eric Eiermann at the rectory (330) 928-2173 or email at eeiermann@saintjoe.org