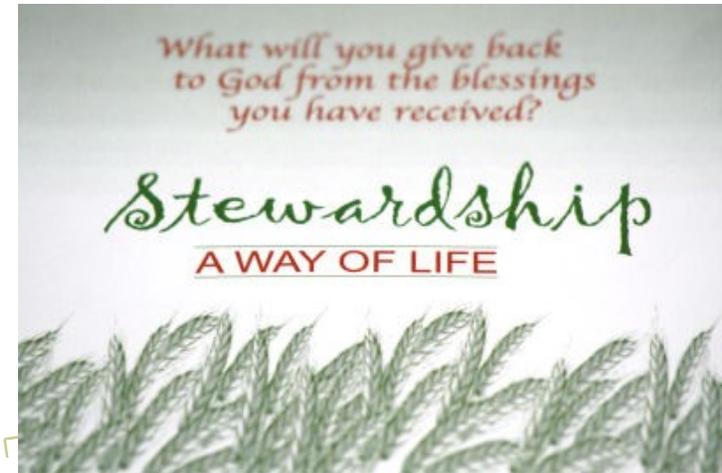


St. Brendan Parish

● **2020-2021**

**ALL four components, including
your INTERVIEW, must be
completed by December 1, 2020.**



Stewardship in Action

Confirmation
Action-Reflection Activities

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Stewardship in Action

Why Stewardship/Service?

Goals

The purpose of service includes the following goals:

- ◆ To awaken you, the young person, to your own goodness and potential for serving others with the gifts you have received from God
- ◆ To engage you, the young person, actively in efforts on the behalf of others so you, the candidate, might test your own skills and experience the satisfaction of doing so successfully
- ◆ To introduce to you, the candidate, the notion that service to others as a response to the Gospel message can lead you to experience life at its deepest and most enriching levels
- ◆ To alert you to the various ways our parish is actively involved in service to the Church and the broader community, and to invite you to participate in such efforts.

In order to fulfill these goals, we here at St. Brendan Parish choose to emphasize the service, not the number of hours, when including justice and service activities in the Confirmation process. To facilitate this education *about* Christian service we use the action-reflection method, in which you, the candidate, actively engage in work on behalf of others and then reflect on what you have learned from such involvement. For example, group involvement in projects designed to help others can and should be fun, even entertaining. Such projects can and should lead to a growing sense of participation in a caring community. Our group service activities will often provide opportunities for you to witness to or work alongside adult Christians who are living out their faith in service to others.



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Activity Components

1) Individual Service

This consists of a project that you as a candidate help out with **at least five times**. (Examples: Helping on an on-going basis with Special Olympics, at a homeless shelter, at a soup kitchen, vacation bible school, etc.)

2) Family/Sponsor Service

This is an activity that you do along with your family **OR** sponsor **OR** both. The only request is that this activity serve someone **OTHER THAN** a family member or your sponsor. (Examples: bring food or clothing to a shelter, help out in a local effort to clean the environment, etc.)

3) Action-Reflection Journal

Rather than gathering signatures from people you served, spend some of your own time reflecting upon the service you have done and write down your thoughts and feelings. Reflect upon the following questions for *each* activity: What was the need you were serving? Who benefited from the service? How did you experience their need when you served them? How did you feel before, during, and after the activity? How were you directly involved? If you were to do this activity again, would you be involved in a different way? What did you learn through this experience about those you tried to serve? about yourself and your gifts? about the Church? about the message of Jesus?

4) Interview

Upon completing the first four components of the Action-Reflection Activities please contact Mrs. Primmer in our Religious Formation Office at 433-2680 to set up a 15-20 minute interview to discuss both the projects you worked on **AND** your journal entries. **You must bring your journal with you to the interview although it will not be required for you to submit your journal.** Your journal will serve as a reference for you during the interview process.