

## Church of the Holy Spirit Confirmation Service

*“So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me teacher and master, and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and the teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.” John 13:12-15*



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Share your GIFTS...

You have many special talents. Sharing your skills, talents and “self” with others is your commission. Acts of KINDNESS and GOODNESS happen each day. CHARITABLE words, UNDERSTANDING and PATIENCE displayed towards others, simple gestures of FRIENDSHIP and JOY all are part of your daily routines and many of you do not even recognize it. All these are GIFTS from the Holy Spirit. We are now asking you to share these gifts with those in our own community and those who are in need. Service to the Church and Parish community can take on different forms. Students need to realize that as baptized Catholics, we are called to use the gifts that God has given us to serve the Body of Christ. Since we are all gifted in many different ways and these gifts come from God, it is appropriate that we use our gifts in service to others as a way of serving and loving God.

Service is an important part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is an indispensable requirement for one’s entire Christian Life and how we live the Gospel! All Confirmation candidates are required to perform at least 20 hours of service for Church and/or community. You are encouraged to volunteer in a variety of different way and in a variety of places. Some suggestions for service include:

At Church: Family breakfasts, Christmas Giving Tree, First Communion Workshops, Religious Ed Program, Vacation Bible School, etc.

In Your Community: School fairs, shelters, food pantries, nursing homes, blood drives, libraries, community clean-up days, community family events, etc.

The Coordinator of Religious Education may have other parish opportunities for service that are not listed above. You are encouraged to develop their own independent projects. You may not accept payment for your service hours. Actions that do not count towards community service: babysitting, dog walking, any kind of yard work such as leaf raking, lawn mowing, snow shoveling, etc.). Time given towards for-profit companies do not count even if you are not paid (i.e.: stores, family business, offices, etc.).

Confirmation service hours are your responsibility. You need to seek out the service opportunities, make the appropriate phone calls and perform the service. Please complete the service form attached. After you fill out what you did and when you did it, have the adult who supervised you sign off on the sheet. Please complete the reflection on the back of the form for your service experience. Families are encouraged to participate with the students as they complete some of their service hours.