

SERVICE OVERVIEW:

Jesus lived his earthly life in service to others. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the third Sacrament of Initiation, and becoming fully initiated into the Church, necessarily transforms our personal relationship with Jesus so that we are imitators of Christ in all aspects of our lives.

Both **Year 1** and **Year 2** have a service piece as part of preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as reinforcing the way we are to live our lives as followers of Christ.

Again this year, our “typical” means of providing service to others are paused due to the deadly aspects of the COVID-19 virus. However, there is much our students can do right at home, to be of service as Jesus served. Starting with being aware of others in the family. Say *thank you* and *please* to one another. Do something for Mom or Dad without being asked. Look around. See how you can meet a need for someone in your family, extended family, friends, school mates, or neighbors. Write a note to someone you haven’t seen in a while due to the virus – grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins etc. Elderly shut-ins would love a note from you! Be creative! *See a need and help!*

Service is out of love and also duty as Christians.

Each student is to keep a “Gratitude Grid” for 30 consecutive days.

Every day write at least one nice thing you have done for someone else.

Add a note of what you are especially grateful for each day. Bring grid in with you each session. At the end of 30 days, parents will sign Grid, and student will attach Grid to completed Reflection Paper. Both Year 1 and 2 will write a Reflection Paper on their service, to include the Gratitude Grid. There is a guideline with questions to reflect on and answer in paper.

Year 1 must have at least 10 hours total for the 30 days.

Year 2 must have at least 5 hours total for the 30 days.

Reflection – serious thought or consideration (Oxford Dictionary)

Both years participate in a NET retreat (registration form online)

Additionally –

YEAR 1

- **Service with Reflection Paper (10 total hours)**
- Research patron saints. Choose one, if you can, and begin to pray to your saint.
- Pray and reflect on choosing your Catholic Confirmation sponsor.

YEAR 2

- ❖ **Service with Reflection Paper (5 total hours)**
- ❖ Write a paper on your chosen saint (guidelines to follow)
- ❖ Choose your sponsor and have the sponsor complete the Certificate of Sponsorship. Work with sponsor – discussion questions, activities, Mass...
- ❖ Confirmation Registration form
- ❖ Confirmation retreat (8th grades)

Confirmation is March 27, 2022 with Bishop Dorsonville.