



## Confirmation Prep 2020-21 Service Experience

Being a Christian, a Catholic, and a disciple of Christ calls us to live our lives according to the example and instructions that Jesus himself gave us. This is our mission as a Church, and it's a BIG responsibility. One of the most important lessons that Jesus taught was that we must be willing to be a servant to all people in His name. This means that we must actually DO something to be a disciple of Christ! By doing parish and community service, we demonstrate a willingness to participate in our Christian responsibility and mission. Therefore, we want all Candidates to have an "experience of service." An "experience of service" might be making sandwiches and delivering to.... Or writing cards to those in a nursing home. Blessing the student with distinct and different service experiences can then encourage and inspire them to continue finding ways to actively do Jesus' work through parish and community service after they are confirmed.

Service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and most of all, on the example of Christ, who came to serve. When giving service, the following points should be considered:

- Your service is not just a job to be done. It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need.
- You should reflect on how the service project is helping you take on the mind and heart of Christ, fulfill the needs of others, and build up the Christian community.
- The giving of service should continue after your Confirmation and all through your life!

Each candidate will have to submit their intended project for approval prior to completing the service experience. Some things to consider when developing your project are:

- What are people's needs or problems and what can I do to help?
- Who needs time, effort, work, or service from me?
- What unique gifts or talents has God given me that can be used to serve others?

**Complete the Reflection Sheet – Complete paragraph reflections - One sheet for each service.**

No community service hours will be given for household chores done for any immediate or extended family members or chores for other people (unless they are truly service that gives you an experience of discipleship).



## Service Experience Proposal

Candidates Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Service Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work(s) of Mercy this fulfills: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



## Service Experience Reflection Sheet

*Please include a picture of yourself performing the service experience. Try not to get pictures of the people you are serving.*

Candidates Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Hours Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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How did this service help you take on the mind and heart of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you see the needs of others and the community being fulfilled? \_\_\_\_\_

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