



Confirmation Prep 2021-22 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 and delivering sandwiches to those in need... 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 outreach 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?

To fulfill your Service Experience Requirements, you need the following:

- **One Community Outreach Service Experience w/Reflection**
- **Three Service Experiences to St. Louise w/Reflection**

Complete the Service Experience - Complete the Reflection Sheet - 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).



St. Louise Service Experiences

Candidates Name: _____

	Area of Service	Date	# Hours Served	Adult Supervisor
Experience #1				
Experience #2				
Experience #3				

How did this service help you recognize the importance of being a “full, active, conscious” participant in your faith/mass? _____

How did you see the needs of the community being fulfilled? _____



**Community Outreach
Service Experience Proposal**

Candidates Name: _____

Description of Service Experience: _____

Work(s) of Mercy this fulfills: _____

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____



Service Experience Reflection Sheet

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

Candidates Name: _____

Location of Service: _____

Date of Service: _____ # of Hours Served: _____

Adult Supervisor: _____ Signature: _____

Description of Service: _____

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

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