

# Christian Service: Act of Mercy Guide Sheet

You must select and submit one of the service options.

## Confirmation Christian Service

As Catholics we are called to continue the work of Jesus, we embrace our commitment to live our faith in service to others. We do not want token service or a 'counting hours' mentality to sabotage our call. Make the connection between living out your Catholic faith via the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy to the Service you choose. Consider this service as a partnership between you and Jesus. Consider your service an ongoing commitment to living out your faith.

### 3 Options:

<p><b>Option A</b></p> <p>Plan and Implement a Service Project based on the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy. You must identify a need and plan an activity that works towards ministering to this need.</p> <p>Project must be pre-approved at the Orientation Session and take place prior to Confirmation.</p> <p><b>A written reflection on your experience will be required.</b></p> <p><b>*** Cannot be something you 'already' do.</b></p> <p>If you choose Opt A- you may email us your idea for feedback if you'd like.</p>	<p><b>Option B With Parent</b></p> <p>Sign up and work at a Local Lunch Box or Homeless Shelter with your parent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beulah Baptist Lunch Box- with parent: Gessie LaGuerre: 473-0888</li> <li>• Dutchess Outreach Lunch Box, Poughkeepsie- with parent: Nyhisha Gibbs : nyhisha@dutchessoutreach.org</li> </ul> <p>OR: Schedule regular visitation at a local Nursing Home doing an activity with 'general' residents.</p> <p>OR Arrange a large scale food collection. Contact : Fishkill Food Pantry Food Drives and More: Sue Doyle 914-474-1232 OR <a href="mailto:Suedoyle1@aol.com">Suedoyle1@aol.com</a>. No more than 8 children working together on one drive.</p> <p><b>A one page write up on your experience will be required.</b></p>	<p><b>Option C</b></p> <p>Actively participate in a parish ministry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music</li> <li>Altar Serving</li> <li>Usher/ Greeter</li> </ul> <p><b>**Must partake in ministry EVERY weekend from mid-August through Confirmation in November (and hopefully longer).</b></p> <p><b>***Occasional' participation will not be counted.</b></p> <p><b>A one page write up on your experience will be required.</b></p>
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### What will NOT count as Confirmation Christian Service:

- Animal Shelters or collections for thus.
  - Cleaning your closet and donating to charity.
  - Visiting relatives or neighbors and doing chores for them.
  - Tutoring/ Walkathons/ Races etc. are all nice things but we want a stronger link to service of others
- \*\*\* This cannot 'double count' as your Honor Society 'hours'. (that's "double dipping")

### Essential Connections to Make- which work of mercy is your service working towards?

<p><b>Corporal Works of Mercy</b></p> <p>To <b>feed</b> the hungry; To <b>give drink</b> to the thirsty; To <b>clothe</b> the naked; To <b>shelter</b> the homeless; To <b>visit</b> the sick; To <b>ransom</b> the captive; To <b>bury</b> the dead.</p>	<p><b>Spiritual Works of Mercy</b></p> <p>To <b>instruct</b> the ignorant; To <b>counsel</b> the doubtful; To <b>admonish sinners</b>; To <b>bear wrongs</b> patiently; To <b>forgive</b> offenses willingly; To <b>comfort</b> the afflicted; To <b>pray</b> for the living and the dead</p>
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