

# CONFIRMATION CHRISTIAN SERVICE GUIDE

## 2010-2011

As a candidate for Confirmation *you will be required to account for a minimum of 12 hours of service per year.* DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO GET YOUR SERVICE HOURS DONE! Many of the opportunities offered take place in the beginning of the year.

This guide is meant to encourage you to follow Jesus *on purpose*, in an open, honest and responsible way. Please keep in mind that service is freely and even cheerfully given in order to truly beneficial to you and others.

All Christian service hours are the candidate's responsibility - NOT the parents! You need to seek out the service opportunities, make the appropriate phone calls, perform the service and get the form completed and turned in.

A copy of the Service Hours Form is attached. Additional copies are available in the RE vestibule and are also available to download from the parish website.

*"A candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both within the ecclesial community and in temporal affairs." CCC 1319*

### **What is considered service?**

Service to others is anything you do for someone else, without being paid, and is **out of the ordinary** to make their life better. Think of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (Matthew 25:31-46). Get your bible out and read them over and you will get the idea of the service that Jesus had in mind for his followers. Taking the trash out for your mother doesn't count! Helping your grandmother clean her house or yard is something expected from you; it is not out of the ordinary and is not considered a service project.

Visiting the elderly in the nursing home is a work of mercy, collecting food for the poor is a work of mercy. Christian service is work done that is geared primarily towards the poor, the disadvantaged, elderly, or handicapped - those most in need – or something that is designed to benefit the community at large.

*What does not count for service?*

- Doing chores at home—you should be doing that anyway to contribute to the needs of your family!
- Babysitting (unless you are babysitting free of charge at the church or at a community agency as outlined above)
- Any activity where you are paid or receive something in return (badges for Scout activities, extra credit at school, etc.)
- Volunteering for a commercial entity that is making a profit from the work being done (like a cleaning company, construction company, food preparation company, etc.)
- Volunteering at school or community sports events unless they are designed as a fundraiser for a worthy cause

If you're unsure whether a particular volunteer opportunity would qualify for service hours, contact Theresa Pratt at 630-718-2133 or [tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net)

