

Dear Parents and Students,

One of the components for the reception of Confirmation is the service to others – church, school, parish and community. Candidates for the reception of Confirmation are asked to select service projects that are geared to their own special talents and abilities. Service should be performed freely and willingly without payment. The service project is meant to represent the candidates' intentions of becoming full members of this servant community, the church, and special followers of Christ-Christians. **SERVICE PROJECTS ARE NOT TO BE DONE FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY (unless approved by the Director of Religious Education) – THEY ARE TO BE APOSTOLIC WORKS FOR OTHERS.**

In order to assist the students in record keeping for their projects this Project Book has been developed. Students can work on one project at a time or several making sure they have completed one project in each area prior to the due date for the Project Book. The areas for service projects are Church/Parish and School/Community. **Each student will be expected to complete service project(s) in the four different areas. They will have to be involved in service projects with a minimum of 40 hours split, with this time, between the four areas. FOR EXAMPLE: if a student decides to serve the Church by serving at Mass, serve the School by helping a teacher, serve the Community by mowing grass and serve the Parish by helping at the Lenten dinners the total of the hours served needs to be split between the four areas. The total hours needs to be forty hours. See the last pages for possible examples.**

After a project is completed have the page signed by the person or persons he/she worked with during the project. Students will write a one-page summary, for each area, in this Project Book on what he/she did to complete the service project.

To make sure that students stay on track, each student is required **to advise his/her religion teacher what service project he/she will be doing prior to starting the project.**

Service can begin as soon as a seventh grader graduates from seventh grade in June. Service project books are to be reviewed by student's religion teacher each quarter of the school year. Completed service project books are due no later than Monday, April 2, 2012. Students can give their completed service projects books to their religion teacher.

Ideas of service projects will be given out at class and be sure to read the Church bulletin for other opportunities for service projects.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Joy C. Blaul

**Director of
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Mrs. Feliza Poling

Principal

Requirements for Confirmation and Important Dates

As students prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation parents and sponsors will be called on to walk with them on this journey to a recommitment of their Christian faith. The requirements for Confirmation are:

1. Choice of a sponsor at the beginning of the school year to walk with the candidate
2. Consistent attendance at class with no more than five absences
3. Fulfillment of Confirmation curriculum
4. Choosing of a Confirmation name
5. Participation of candidates and their sponsor at the Rite of Enrollment
6. A letter to pastor requesting to be Confirmed
7. Candidate attendance at a weekend retreat
8. Attendance at Confirmation practice

Listed below are important dates. Additional details will be given to you as they become available.

Confirmation Student Parent Meeting – Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Retreat Signup Due – Friday, September 30, 2011

Confirmation Information Sheet Due at Confirmation Retreat – Sat. Oct. 15 or Oct. 29, 2011

Sponsor Form Due at Confirmation Retreat – Sat. Oct. 15 or Oct. 29, 2011

Confirmation Retreats – October 15, 2011 OR October 29, 2011 (Saturday – One Day Event)

Letter of Request to be Confirmed – Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Service Projects and Book Due – Monday, April 2, 2012

Confirmation Practice – Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Ceremony and Mass – Wednesday Evening, May 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Service Opportunities

The following are some ideas for projects in the various areas.

Church/Parish

Serving Mass

Greeter

Usher

Food Pantry

Donut Sunday

Visit the sick

Visit Nursing homes

Teacher's Aide for Bible School

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Festival

Parish Dinners

Family Dinners

October Fest

P.A.C.T.

Volunteering at own church

School/Community

Help a teacher

Tutor

Latchkey

Early Childhood

Office helper

Safety Patrol

Janitor Duties

Grass cutting

Shovel snow

Raking leaves

Helping an elderly neighbor

Goodwill

House of Bread

River Cleanup

Humane Society

Corporal Works of Mercy

“ . . .Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me”
(Matthew 25: 31-46)

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Based on Christ's teachings the Christian practice since the apostles.

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish the sinner.
4. Comfort the sorrowful.
5. Forgive injuries.
6. Beat wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

Service Project Book 2011-12

*... the holy Spirit that the Father will send
in my name -
he will teach you everything and remind
you of all that I told you.*

Students Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

