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Preparation for the
Sacrament of Confirmation 2018

Requirements for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- 1) Candidate is to attend Holy Mass each Sunday at a Roman Catholic Church.
- 2) Candidate is attend catechetical classes and retreat(s).
- 3) Candidate is to complete 20 Hours of Christian Service.
- 4) Candidate is to complete a Saint's Report.
- 5) Candidate needs to choose a Sponsor.
- 6) Candidate's parents will be able to download the Confirmation Application in August 2018 to register their child for Confirmation.

Candidates for Confirmation are seeking to become mature adult Catholics. To that end, they must be attending Holy Mass, listening to the Word of God in their life, and practicing the ministry of charity. To prepare the candidates to exercise their duties as mature adult Catholics, the Confirmation preparation program includes a Christian Service requirement.

Christian Service for Confirmation Candidates

For Students in Grades 7th - 8th:

Each Confirmation candidate is required to complete 20 hours of Christian Service prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th Grade.

Candidates have approximately 1.5 years to complete their 20 hours of service. By the month of October (during their 8th Grade Year) candidates will have submitted all their paperwork completing their Christian Service. Candidates that do not meet the requirements for Christian Service will not be approved to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The **Christian Service Activity Hours Form** must be completed and signed by the candidate for each act of Christian Service according to the attached and be submitted once they completed their hours each period of service. The candidate is responsible for filling out the form(s), getting it signed, and handing it in. The Christian Service Activity Hours Form must include the printed name, signature, and contact information of the adult who supervised the service. Parent signatures are not acceptable. Please note that not all-volunteer work will count toward the service requirement.

What is considered Christian 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). Please refer to your bible 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 mom doesn't count! Helping your grandparents clean their 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 parish and community at large. Volunteering at any agency designed to support people in need, such as: soup kitchens, homeless shelters, retirement homes, hospitals, Goodwill stores, etc. is acceptable.

What does not count for Christian Service?

Christian service does not include the ordinary obligation one has to family, friends, and neighbors.

Babysitting - including day care facilities - unless you are babysitting free of charge at a Catholic Church or at a community agency designed to benefit the needy.

Any activity where you are paid or receive something in return.

Becoming a Boy Scout or Girl Scout.

School activities, such as: band, sports teams, etc.

Volunteering for any place that is making a profit from the work being done.

Volunteering at sports events unless they are designated as a fundraiser for a worthy cause.

What does count for Christian Service?

Some available activities for Christian Service are:

Liturgical Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Youth Choir
- Ministers of Hospitality - Ushers

Note: liturgical ministries require a commitment to a regular volunteer schedule so you are limited to one liturgical service only.

Parish & Community Services:

- Knights of Columbus
- Clothing Drive
- Food Drive
- Alms for the Poor (Lenten Activity)
- Youth Leadership Ministry
- ASPCA
- Soup Kitchens
- Homeless Shelters
- Nursing Homes
- Hospitals

We acknowledge that there are many other activities not listed here that would be appropriate for Christian service. We'd love to hear about them! Please consult with your Catechist-Teacher. All candidates are responsible for their paperwork.

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Christian Service Activity Hours Form for Confirmation Candidates

Please PRINT all information.

Candidate's Name: _____

Organization's Name: _____

Organization's Address: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____

Supervisor's Telephone/Email: _____

Date	Hours Served		Supervisor Signature
	Start Time	End Time	

Submit this form to your teacher upon completion for hours served during this period. Retain a copy of each form before submitting. You may make additional copies of this form as needed or request additional forms from your teacher. A minimum of 20 hours of service must be completed prior to Confirmation.