

### ***Service Component of Confirmation Prep***

Service is both an attitude and an action which flows naturally from one's baptismal call as a grateful response to God's gifts. Through service, candidates participate more fully in the life of the Church. Service challenges one to stretch beyond his or her comfort zone.

#### **Service is:**

- An extension and affirmation of one's personal gifts.
- An ongoing responsibility of the individual to the community
- following the model of Jesus.
- Generated from existing parish activities.
- Designed to invite the participation of all the candidates.
- Part of daily life, yet distinct from ordinary responsibilities.
- Based on genuine need.
- A response which flows from a personal cause or need.
- A catalyst that provides young people an understanding of what
- it means to be a good steward and fosters a life of stewardship.
- An opportunity for young people to develop an attitude of responsibility
- for the needs of the parish and community, both locally and globally.
- A way for youth to recognize that God loves them and fills their
- lives with blessings of every kind, trusting the gifts will be shared generously.

#### **Service is an opportunity to:**

- Explore ministries in the parish, community
- Recognize giftedness in the candidate, what do you feel you are talented/gifted in?
- Encourage the candidate to recognize the giftedness in others.
- Address Catholic social teachings.

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- Find something you're passionate about**
- Serve in some capacity for that cause/person/organization/community**
  - I suggest 8 hours or more**
  - No Double Dipping:** Keep your school obligations separate from your confirmation hours and obligations. You decide what is important to you, follow through with this experience.
  - I Want to Challenge You: Go outside of the box and find something that you are passionate about!**

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- \*Write a reflection on your experience of service:***

- What you did
- When you did it
- Why you did it
- How you will continue to serve as a fully initiated Catholic
- Why both faith and actions are important
  - ❖ **Please type these reflections, suggested 2 pages double spaced, letter size no bigger than 12.**
  - ❖ **Provide an artifact of your experience (pictures, video footage, pamphlet, etc.)**
- Reflection with Pictures/Artifact are **Due at retreat**
- Be prepared to share your experiences of service at the Confirmation Retreat with your small group.
- Please do not send this to me at the last minute (9:30 that morning) Please have it printed and ready to use during the retreat!

**\*This will be reviewed by Marcia, Kathy, and Fr. Gabriel** (Confirmation Coordinator, Director of Faith Formation, and Pastor)

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