



VOLUNTEER SERVICE REQUIREMENT

The purpose of the immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is to provide formation to the candidates for full, conscious, and active participation in the Rite of Confirmation. It is successful if it invites the candidate to deeper openness to the indwelling Spirit and a willingness to witness to Christ as his disciple, and to more responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic Christian faith community. The life of a Catholic Christian should be marked by the attitude of a servant, in imitation of Christ (John 13), and the actuality of service to the community. As such, candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be asked to perform and reflect on various acts of Christian Service and outreach to engage in the Church's social mission.

2022-2023 REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates are asked to **participate in three (3) different volunteer service/outreach projects reflecting on the three areas of Christian service (Family, Parish, & Community)**. To show that service is not merely a box to “check off,” rather a fundamental component of Christian living, one of the projects is to be a long-term process. Long-term process means that the project is completed over time and is not completed in one day or sitting (*EXAMPLE: Serving in one of our Worship or Outreach Ministries, helping as a teen assistant with Faith Formation, or being an altar server*). Aside from the long-term process requirement, there is no “number of hours” requirement for Confirmation. Service and outreach are about quality experiences and reflection, not quantity of hours completed.

THREE AREAS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE & OUTREACH

- **FAMILY PROJECT:** The Christian family is the Domestic Church. As a family, candidates are asked to perform acts of Christian service and outreach together. The Family Project is NOT the candidate serving his or her family (such as making dinner for the family), rather, **it is the family working together to serve those in need, the poor, vulnerable, or marginalized.**

Examples of Family Projects:

- Making a casserole for Our Daily Bread together.
- Participating in a clothing or food drive together.
- Anything where the candidate and at least one other member of the family is doing service together.

- **PARISH PROJECT:** The Parish community is the local Church. As a faith community, families come together to pray and worship, and to become a support for each other. **The Parish Project asks the candidates to serve in direct ministries and acts of service to the parish community.**

Examples of Parish Projects:

- Participating in the Parish Advent Outreach.
- Helping with the Café on Sundays after Mass.
- Being a Teen Assistant with Faith Formation.



- Participating in a Liturgical Ministry (altar server).
- Any Parish-Sponsored Outreach Project (including related organizations such as the Knights of Columbus) or Volunteering at a Parish Event (Tanzania, Appalachia Service Project)
- **COMMUNITY PROJECT:** The local and global community is a place where Christians are called to witness God's love and compassion. **The Community Project asks the candidates to open their eyes to the needs of the poor, the vulnerable, and marginalized in our community** (or around the world) and, imitating Christ, perform service to make a difference and promote justice.

Examples of Community Projects:

- Charity walks and runs such as the Little Sister's Nun Run.
- Volunteer at a local nonprofit organization.
- Organize a clothing or food drive.
- Ask for charitable donations instead of birthday or Christmas gifts.
- Host a fundraising event and donate the money to a non-profit organization.
- Take flowers to nursing home residents.
- Clean up your local park or playground.

REFLECTION ON SERVICE As part of the preparation process, Candidates are asked to not only perform acts of service and outreach, but to reflect on that service as well. A Service Reflection Log is to be completed by each Candidate for Confirmation.

DUE DATE: The *Service Reflection Log* is due February 4, 2023.



Service Reflection Log

Candidate Name: _____

To be completed by each candidate for Confirmation **by February 4, 2023.**

Project	Location and Date	Reflection
Family Project		
Parish Project		
Community Project		