



Service is not a project; it is a way of life.



Name: _____

Date: _____

I participate at: *(please circle)*

St. Joseph, Tuesdays

St. Joseph, Wednesdays

St. Elizabeth Ann School

This is my: First year

Second year

of Confirmation preparation

Service Learning Opportunity: Planning

A component of our Confirmation program is to have each candidate serve others in their family, parish or community to gain an understanding of our call to serve others as Catholic Christians. Our parents chose to have us baptized, and we were anointed with the oil of chrism to be priest, prophet and king; it is in our "role" as king that we are called to serve others.

As your faith journey brings you to the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important that you understand this not as an *end*, but a *continuation* of your personal faith journey and also a *beginning* of your life as a fully initiated member of the Church! At Baptism, we each received the gift of the Spirit, and in Confirmation, we are sealed and strengthened in that Spirit to carry out our call to be priest, prophet and king. With this in mind, you are asked to begin planning for your project *now* before sessions begin in a few weeks.

If this is your **first year / 7th grade**** you are asked to complete a service learning project consisting of a minimum of 10 hours in service to your **family**. This service would not be your "normal" contributions to the day-to-day chores and needs of the family, but should be a project over and above your normal routine.

If this is your **second year / 8th grade**** you are asked to complete a service learning project consisting of a minimum of 15 hours in service to your **parish or community**.

***It is understood that those teens at our parish school are asked to complete hours as part of their curriculum. We do not ask for *additional* hours, but we do ask that the summaries and project be completed and brought to the parish office by the appropriate due dates listed below.

Please summarize in at least 5 complete sentences your plans for your service project (what you would like to do / opportunities where you are planning to participate). You may write this up on the back of this paper or type it out and print from your computer and attach to this paper.

Your summary is due by September 27/28.
(see packet checklist for all items due on 9/27 or 9/28)

**There's no time like the present, so...
you may begin working to complete your service learning today!**

- o **February 14 /15, 2012:** Your final completed learning project (a complete project reflecting all hours for the entire year) is due no later than start of sessions, Feb 14/15, 2012.

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR REVIEW



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Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is a developmental process that includes:

- Ongoing reflections and discussions at home of the lived faith of the family;
- Active participation in the weekly faith formation sessions for two school years before the sacrament is celebrated;
- Weekly celebration of the liturgy;
- Attendance by children and parents in parish-wide, sacramental preparation sessions.

I understand that I am responsible for the completion of service learning hours as a component of my preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

As a young member of the Church, I wish to demonstrate my readiness and desire to become a fully-initiated Catholic Christian, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation with an open heart and mind.

As such, these are my plans / ideas on how I will complete my service learning project:

I understand that if I choose not to complete this and all components of the process for Confirmation, including participation in the additional gatherings and events throughout the year, I will not be refused the Sacrament, but I may be asked to delay the reception until I can more clearly demonstrate my readiness.

Signed by participant: _____

Signed by parent: _____

Parent printed name: _____

Date: _____

For staff use only:

Received by _____ Ministry: _____

Name

catechist / assistant / staff