



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



### Sharing and Reflecting: My Service Learning Project

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR REVIEW

Participating in one large or several smaller service projects as a component of preparation at our parish for the Sacrament of Confirmation provides an opportunity for you to live out and witness to our faith. Ideally, it is a project of *your* choice that draws you out of yourself, helping you to become more other-centered, aware of our call to serve others as Jesus Christ modeled for us throughout His life. You are encouraged to work with your sponsor, parents or with a group. **What** you do is not as important as **why**. We pray that the time you devote to this learning experience will demonstrate your willingness to assume a life-long commitment of service to others!

This guide explains what information to include in a project of your choice when you finish all your service learning hours. You may choose to keep a journal of your service, write a report, make a collage, etc. *How* you present the information is up to you. Once you complete your reflection project, ask your sponsor and/or parent to go over it with you. Sponsors and/or parents are encouraged to assist you with the reflection project and/or to comment on your work. Please include any thoughts, stories or reflections on serving others that you may wish to share.

Your reflections provide an opportunity for you not only to record your experiences of service to others, but to also reflect and recognize the difference it makes in your life as well as the lives of others. By taking a few minutes to *thoughtfully* answer the following questions, you may come to know the ways in which the Holy Spirit is working *through* you.

When describing all you have done during your service, be sure to include the following information in your project:

- What was your first /initial reaction to this component of Confirmation preparation...what were your thoughts / expectations about learning through serving others?
- What do you understand to be the reason behind this component of Confirmation, that is, why are Catholic Christians called to serve others?
- Describe in complete sentences how you completed your service. Tell a story that includes: Whom did you serve? In what ways did you serve? What needs did they have that you were able to meet? When and where? Were you alone or with a group?
- Please share your thoughts about what you think the service meant to those you served. How did your service affect them? Was the work you accomplished a one time project or is there an opportunity for you to continue to serve?
- Please share your reactions to and reflections on your service. What is your reaction now that you have finished this component of Confirmation preparation?
- How did you put your faith into action? You may wish to reference Matthew 25:31-46.

You are not limited to only answering the questions above. Please share your project with your sponsor and parents! *All hours and your completed project, are due **February 14/15, 2012.***

