

## Confirmation Service Hours

Why do we require service hours?

1. Jesus was always in service to others.
2. We hope you will experience how it feels to help another person and know that the reward comes from giving of yourself.
3. Primarily, service is a necessary part of life for all baptized Catholics. Jesus said, "What you do for the least of mine, you do to me." Mt 25:40.

### The Requirements

A total of 35 service hours is required. At least 50% of the service hours must be completed by the Fall of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The remaining service hours must be completed by the following February. Service hours are to be turned in at the same time you turn in your Service Project Essay (see below for more information).

We recommend that candidates complete a variety of service hour types. A minimum of 10 hours each in the church and in the community is ideal. We also recommend trying to complete at least 10 service hours with your sponsor (provided they are available).

Only non-paid service is accepted. If you or the organization to which you belong is being paid for the service, it will not be accepted. For example, if you are participating in a fundraiser for your athletic team, that is *not* an acceptable service. If you are serving at concession stands to raise money for a graduation celebration, that is *not* an acceptable service. If you are participating in a fundraiser for a group which serves others, like a charity or community group, that *is* an acceptable service. Altar serving does count as service. It does not count if you receive a payment.

All service hours must be signed off by an adult, preferably from the person who supervised you during your service.

Keep track of your service hours on the log form provided on the following page. As stated above, you will turn in your initial hours in the Fall of 8<sup>th</sup> grade (usually October of your Confirmation year). The second log is due in February with your Service Project Essay, explained below.

### Service Project Essay

You are required to write an essay about your service project experience. Write about what you did and how this impacted your life and/or the lives of those you served. This is not a long essay; it should be 3 – 4 paragraphs. Make sure your name is on the essay and your service hour logs.

