

SERVICE

Confirmation is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

What does this mean?

We are part of a COMMUNITY! A world-wide community which has been commissioned to live as Christ! We are taught to be our “brother’s keeper” and to serve the community. Jesus himself said, “whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers you did for me.” Matthew 25: 40

Service hours are not just about getting them over with, they are about experiencing living and loving as Christ. This is why we are required to experience several types of service.

What is Required?

In our Archdiocese you are required to complete a minimum number of hours of service in order to be Confirmed. In our parish, these 21 hours are broken up into 3 categories:

- 7 “Family” hours
- 7 “Parish” hours
- 7 “Community” hours
- 500 Word Reflection Paper (more information to follow) What counts for which category?

Family Service: Family hours have to be OVER AND ABOVE what you NORMALLY do as part of your family responsibilities. If you are always in charge of mowing the lawn, then that doesn’t count for your family service hours. These hours should focus on building up and serving the family. Go out of your comfort zone. Every family is different. Discuss some extra things you can do to serve your family.

Parish Service: Parish hours are spent in aiding the parish community of St. Joseph Church. They focus on being an active member of our parish community. Some examples of this are being an assistant for Religious Education, helping with Liturgical Ministry (that is lector, usher, greeter, altar server), and other parish- sponsored outreach and events.

Community Service: Community hours should focus on helping the local community. Some examples are making casseroles for Beans and Bread, serving at a soup kitchen, volunteering at a nursing home, volunteering for the Humane Society, coaching for Parks and Rec, working with literacy programs, helping with roadside clean-ups, etc.

Sometimes you will have to make a decision which category you want your hours to go towards, this is normal. If you have any questions you can always email confirmation@stjoefullerton.org!

What are the Service Requirement Guidelines?

- You cannot accept payment for ANY of your service hours
- You cannot “double-up,” that is, count any of your Confirmation service hours also for school hours etc. and visa-versa
- All your service hours need to be logged and signed off on the Service Log attached to this sheet
- All Confirmation service hours are the candidate’s responsibility NOT the parents! However, we ask that parents play an active role in aiding their children in this requirement and strongly encourage their participation whenever possible.

What are some service ideas?

-Look on the St. Joseph Church website or the church bulletin for some service ideas. You can also ask friends or keep your ears open for opportunities through school.

Remember to keep notes to help write your Service Reflection.

Common Service Opportunities at Saint Joseph's:

This list is intended to give you an idea of opportunities. This is a tentative list. Please check the bulletin for updated information. Confirmation candidates will be notified via the email address on file about many service opportunities as they present. Emails will indicate if they are "Church" or "Community" opportunities. Most opportunities will require advance sign up. Please be respectful of that.

Spaghetti Dinner

Passion Walk

Spring Campus Clean-Up

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 10:30 Sunday mass

Usher/Greeter - at all masses. (20 minutes service time per mass)

Altar server (1 hr. service time per mass)

Casseroles (see below)

SJAA Soccer Camp in the summer

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Ignite Service Camp: Registration and fee required.

Parish Picnic

St. Joseph School Welcome Back picnic

Fall Clean Up

Soccer Shoot Out

Fall Middle School Dance

St. Joseph School Trunk or Treat

Christmas preparations for various parish activities such as ornament making, caroling, tags for Giving Trees, sorting Giving Tree Donations, etc. spalmateer@stjoefullerton.org

St. Vincent De Paul Society: Beans & Bread Soup Kitchen Candidates may make casseroles for service hours. Two casseroles for one hour of service. No more than two hours of service may be obtained by making casseroles. Candidates are encouraged to participate in the food purchasing, preparation and drop off of the casseroles

Recipe: All-In-One Casserole

1 ½ lbs. Ground beef

1 cup chopped celery

3 cups cooked small shell macaroni (about 2 cups uncooked)

2 cans of any type of beans (NO KIDNEY BEANS)

1 can Hunt's Manwich sandwich sauce (regular size)

1 tsp. Chili powder

Brown the ground beef, add celery, cook till transparent. Drain the excess fat, stir in the remaining ingredients. Pour into greased pan and cover with greased foil. Please mark "FROZEN" on the casserole if you freeze it.

