

Confirmation Service Experiences – Overview

Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph Church are asked to become more involved in service at home, school, church and in the community. As part of your sacramental preparation, please take time to experience service at St. Joseph Parish and at other events when they become available. We ask that all Confirmandi participate in three service experiences. One experience should include your Confirmation sponsor or parent. If available, try and complete service at the following locations:

- At your home, or a family member's home
- At your school
- At St. Joseph Parish
- In the larger community (Strongsville, Cleveland)

Service at home or for family members is encouraged daily. We hope that you will use Confirmation service as an opportunity to open new doors for service beyond your family. However, due to the pandemic, your ability to safely attend some service projects may be limited. The ability to serve others should be ongoing and your experiences should never end. As a result, we do not ask for a specific number of hours. Our goal is for you to understand the need to help others always.

Confirmation Service Reflection Written Response

Upon completion of each service experience, prepare a written response. Please include the following information and questions in your typed reflection for each experience. You do not need a signature from your contact person; however, a parent or your sponsor should sign each reflection page.

Heading your paper: include your first and last name, the date and time of service, name of and location of the service event, and the name and contact information for your service supervisor.

Paragraph One: Explain your service experience. Include a detailed description of what you were asked to do at the service experience, who benefitted from your service and how you felt after completing the service project.

Paragraph Two: We know that we were made for greatness and are called to serve others. Which gifts and talents did you bring to the service experience? Why did you select this service experience? What did you learn about yourself? What did you learn about the people who worked with you?

Paragraph Three: In serving others, we are being Christ's hand and feet on earth (St. Teresa of Avila). How did this service experience bring you closer to Christ?

By **Feb. 6, 2022** please reflect on one service experience you participated in since June of 2021. Please email the reflection to Linda Zvoncheck at lzvoncheck@sjohio.org, drop off at the St. Joseph Church office, or mail to St. Joseph Church. Your second reflection will be due by **February 27, 2022** (at the Confirmation Retreat) and the third by **March 27, 2022**. Hopefully we will be able to share our experiences when we meet in person, so please understand that other members of your small group will read and hear about your experiences.

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