

CONFIRMATION SERVICE GUIDELINES

**“...just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,
You did it to me” -Matthew 25:40**

Our Confirmation program consists of three main components:

Head: Learning about our Catholic faith
Heart: Growing in our spiritual lives through our relationships with Jesus
Hand: How we live out our faith in service to others

Confirmation candidates are required to serve a minimum of 30 hours (**15 hours per year**) in the parish and community during their 2 year preparation for the Sacrament. Students may begin their service requirement **after** they are registered for 9th grade. **Service performed prior to 9th grade will not be accepted.**

Service to the parish should include:

Pancake breakfast with Santa
Parish picnic
Easter egg hunt
Helping with First Eucharist events
Vacation Bible School
Babysitting for parish events
Altar service or choir/folk group
Teachers' aide for Sunday K-8 classes
Children's Liturgy during Sunday 9:00 Mass
Participating in IC youth Masses (lector, usher, etc.)

Service in the community should give our students the opportunity to put their faith values into practice in an area of interest that they will carry forward after Confirmation. *Candidates should be encouraged to reach out to those less fortunate.*

Examples would include:

FM and Cathedral food pantries
Outreach to our elderly parishioners (yardwork, baking cookies)
Serving food to the homeless and working poor (Samaritan center)
Helping at St. Vincent de Paul, Brady Faith Center, or Joseph's House
Arranging and cooking a meal at Ronald McDonald House
Writing letters to nursing homes, military and medical personnel, and jail ministry

Please note: Students may earn hours in their school communities by supporting organizations with a mission to help others. Service may include hours spent organizing, raising funds, and working/operational activities (Dancing, running, and walking are the fun part after the work is done 😊). Helping at town/village events counts as well.