

STEWARDSHIP/SERVICE INFORMATION 2017-2018



Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation calls for reflection on our mission as children of God. When baptized, we become members of God's family and followers of Jesus. As members of this family, as in our earthly family, we are called to love one another, respect each other, and help whenever and however we can, for it is through our life style that we proclaim the message of God's love and mercy.

Each year as students prepare to receive this sacrament, great emphasis has been placed upon the component of service. For service ideas please refer to the sheet provided in your **RED FOLDER**. This list provides a few ideas of serving others. In addition, Holy Name Parish is blessed to have a group, Families in Action, that gather throughout the year, usually monthly, to do acts of service as a family component. There are many opportunities for service, both individual and as a group. The Candidate for Confirmation may wish to consult with their school for service project opportunities, and Holy Name Parish.

IN TERMS OF SERVICE/STEWARDSHIP REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- 20 hours of service are required (some of these hours may have been completed over the summer months-2017-, for example: "Safety Town", babysitting, helping an elderly neighbor by mowing their lawn all summer, etc.
- The 20 hours may be dedicated to one project or many projects.
- The Candidate for Confirmation may NOT have been paid for the service rendered.
- **The 20 hours must be completed before March 5, 2018.**
- The sheet marked: "Confirmation Stewardship Reflection Questions" is **DUE: March 5, 2018**. An interview for Confirmation will not be scheduled if both the twenty hours have not been fulfilled, and the reflection sheet has not been submitted.

SUGGESTED SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2017-2018



SUGGESTION: Start your Stewardship/Community Service Hours during the summer of 2017!

20 Hours Required

Stewardship Reflection Question and Community Service Form **DUE: MARCH 5, 2018**

- Serving at a soup kitchen
- Help with the Christmas Giving Tree sorting and distribution
- Help tutor young children
- Teach someone a talent or skill that you have
- Help someone that is physically challenged
- Help an elderly neighbor or family member
- Help serve as an aide in the Sunday Young Child Program
- Send cards to people in local nursing homes
- Rake leaves for an elderly person (w/o pay)
- Offer to baby sit for no charge
- Serve as a waiter/hostess at parish functions (Fish Fry, Advent Tea)
- Join the children's choir
- Do errands for the home-bound or elderly neighbors or family members
- Cut the grass for elderly neighbor
- Shovel snow for an elderly neighbor
- Help a technology challenged person feel more comfortable navigating their computer
- Write notes of encouragement and support to those preparing for the celebration of a sacrament
- Help around the house w/o being asked
- Participate in "Safety Town" during the Summer
- Serve as a Camp Counselor
- Volunteer at Vacation Bible School

There are many other ways in which you can share the mercy and love of God with those in need. This list serves only as a few suggestions. Pray to God about how and where you may be of service to others. Remember that charity begins in the home. ☺

"God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ezekiel 37: 1-14)...Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish."

~ Pope Francis~

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION QUESTIONS 2017-2018



DUE: March 5, 2018

(Please use additional pages to complete answers. Answers must be in complete sentences. A minimum of one paragraph for each reflection question is required.)

NUMBER OF HOURS COMPLETED: _____ (20 HOURS ARE REQUIRED)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT/S:
2. IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR PROJECT, WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE NEED YOUR PROJECT SERVED?
3. HOW DID YOUR ACTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OTHERS? FOR YOURSELF?
4. WHAT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT MADE YOU THE MOST PROUD?
5. WILL YOU CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE SERVICE PROJECTS THAT YOU COMPLETED FOR CONFIRMATION? WHY? WHICH ONE?