

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Confirmation 2012

SERVICE PROJECT

What does Confirmation mean anyway?

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

Why do service?

As Catholic Christians, a ministry of service is one of the most important things we do. Throughout Scripture we are called to love our neighbor and to stand up for justice and peace. Micah 6:8 reminds us that Yahweh only asks that we "*act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God*". Since justice and service are so important to whom we are as Catholics, we ask that each Confirmation candidate make his/her Service Project a priority.

What is required of me? How long should my project last?

Serving others is not just something we do to "get it over with;" it is a part of what it means for us to be Catholic. Therefore, it is recommended that Confirmation candidates become involved in a new Service Project that is on going, and that becomes a regular commitment. Doing "service" at home, where you are already expected to help out, *does not* count for a Confirmation Ministry Project.

You are required to complete a minimum of 21 hours of service in order to be considered ready for Confirmation. These hours are broken up into 3 categories:

- ~ 7 "Family" hours
- ~ 7 "Parish" hours
- ~ 7 "Community" hours

What counts for which category?

Parish: Parish hours are spent aiding the parish community of the Cathedral. They focus on being an active member of our parish community. Some examples of this are being an assistant for SSR, helping with Liturgical Ministry (that is lector, greeter, usher, altar server) and other parish ~ sponsored outreach.

Family: 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 you 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 extra things you can do to serve your family.

Community: Community hours should focus on helping the local community. Some examples are making casseroles for Our Daily Bread, serving at a soup kitchen, volunteering at a nursing home, volunteering with the Humane Society, coaching for Parks and Recs, working with students tutoring, helping with roadside cleanups, etc.

There can be overlap!! Sometime you 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 call or email the Youth Ministry Office!

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What are the Service Project 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.
- ~ These hours have to be DONE all of them done by March 8th.
- ~ All of 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!! You need to seek out the service opportunities, make the appropriate phone calls, and perform the service.
- ~ And finally...You have to write a reflection paper on your service experience.

What exactly is the Service Project Reflection?

- ~ The Reflection needs to be no more than one page: typed, double spaced
- ~ Keep notes after each time you serve on the back of the Service Log
- ~ Some things to include will be:
 - What did you do?
 - Why did you choose the projects you did?
 - Who benefited from the experience and how?
 - Did you have to prepare for the projects and if so, how?
 - How did this experience impact you?
 - Was it what you expected? How or how not?

What are some ideas?

Look on the Youth Ministry website for a list of suggested service opportunities or use the service directory.
www.cathedralofmary.org

Opportunities at The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen

Youth & Family Ministry Activities

- ◆ Mass in the Grass
- ◆ Shopper's Babysitting
- ◆ Fall Fest Ministry Fair
- ◆ Halloween BINGO
- ◆ LIVE Stations of the Cross
- ◆ HYPER Mass Music Group, Lector, Gift Bearer, Greeter
- ◆ Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ◆ Service Sunday
- ◆ Vacation Bible School
- ◆ SMILE Work Camp

**Contact Youth & Family Ministry Office
410 464-4012 or mcosgrove@cmoq.org**

School of the Cathedral Activities

- ◆ CASPA Potluck Dinner Helper
- ◆ Alumnae Event Helper
- ◆ Basket BINGO Helper

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Greeting Ministry

- ◆ Greeters (9:15 am Mass)
- ◆ Coffee and Donut Fellowship
(9:15 am Mass, May-October)

Contact Carolyn Knott at 410 321-1501

Liturgical Ministry

- ◆ Lector
- ◆ Altar Server
- ◆ Little People's Church (9:15 am Mass)
- ◆ Cleaning the Church (Saturdays)
- ◆ Usher

**Contact Fr. Pete Literal at 410 464-4000
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Contact Sheri Buttarazzi at 410-377-0646
Contact Joy Redfield at 410 433-7701
Contact Bill Bauersfeld at 410-377-4126**

Music Ministry

- ◆ Cathedral Choir
- ◆ Contemporary Music Group (9:15 Mass)

**Contact Dan Sansone at 410 464-4020
Contact Katie Hunt at 410-464-4003**

Notes to help you write your reflection...