



# Confirmation Service Requirement

## - Works of Mercy -

In Matthew 25, Jesus “gives us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. These are known as the **Corporal Works of Mercy**: “charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs.” They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.” (USCCB).

**All service projects for Confirmation will be directly related to a Corporal Work of Mercy.**

### 1 Feed the hungry

- Food Pantry (CAM, Houston Food Bank)
- Soup Kitchen (Loaves & Fishes, Keegan Kitchen, Martha's Kitchen)
- Mamie George Community Food Distr.
- Mesa Outreach                      Meals on Wheels

The only exception will be service that directly gives to the CtR community, such as liturgical and catechetical ministries (RE) and parish community events as they emphasize the candidate's role in the community as a fully initiated Catholic. Service to CtR is also subject to the 'once per year' requirement.

### 2 Give drink to the thirsty

Giving drink to the thirsty goes hand in hand with feeding hungry, so many projects will include both. Another idea could incorporate passing out water **to those in need** around Houston or Cypress for a day.

This would **not** include handing out water at school/sporting events, socials, work functions, or family gatherings.

### 3 Shelter the homeless

Providing for the physical needs of those without home or basic necessities.

- Habitat for Humanity
- The Beacon
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace (building beds)

### 4 Clothe the naked

Caring for those without clothing should involve more than just donating unwanted clothes, but an investment of time in meeting those needs.

- St. Vincent de Paul                      Run your own
- CAM - Angel's Attic                      clothing drive
- Anawim Thrift Store

### 5 Visit the imprisoned

Being imprisoned can apply to those who are in physical prisons, or those who are imprisoned by loneliness, mental illness or in other ways.

- Send letters or cards to those in prison
- Offer to babysit for a single parent (outside of your family) without childcare

### 6 Visit the sick

- Visiting a hospital
- Visiting a nursing home (Heritage Park)
- Make rosaries or cards for the sick
- Help an elderly or sick person with errands or chores without compensation
- Service to persons with physical or developmental disabilities (Reach Unlimited, Special Olympics)

### 7 Bury the dead

A service project where you honor the deceased in a physical way. See the following examples:

- Cleaning a cemetery
- Wreaths Across America
- Friends in Need (CtR)

Students will complete **3 occasional projects** each year of Confirmation Preparation.

**3 Works of Mercy Projects + 3 Works of Mercy Projects = 6 Total Projects**  
*Confirmation I                      Confirmation II*

**Students are asked to not repeat service with the same organization more than 1 time per year so as to serve a variety of needs.**