

St. Joseph Parish – Confirmation Service Requirements



Service is an indispensable part of the Christian faith where we are challenged to live as witnesses of the Gospel. When the Apostles first received the gift of the Holy Spirit, they did not remain in the house they were hiding but went out into the world and began their ministry. As candidates prepare for Confirmation, they should also understand we are not meant to be closed off in privatized faith but a part of the community. “True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others” (*Evangelii Gaudium* 88). By making a gift of ourselves through service, we become more closely united with the Church in her mission of evangelization, help others in need of our charity, and discover who we are as persons made by and for love.

This is why as part of the requirements for Confirmation, candidates are asked to complete **20 hours of service**. Please bear in mind the following guidelines for service hours:

- Service work for commercial businesses will not be accepted, nor work that results in payment. Service work should be for non-profit organizations or other unpaid volunteer work.
- Candidates are highly encouraged to serve within the greater community beyond just their neighbors and relatives.
- Political activities and campaign work will not be counted towards the completion of service requirements.
- If their school already requires service hours, candidates may use those hours to help fulfill Confirmation service requirements.

Here are a few example of non-profit service opportunities in the area:

- St. Joseph Parish
 - Altar serving - <https://sjy.org/liturgical-ministries>
 - Music Ministry - <https://sjy.org/music-ministry>
 - Audio Visual Ministry - <https://sjy.org/service-ministries>
 - 40 Hours Devotion - <https://sjy.org/40-hours-devotion>
 - Christmas and Easter decorating - <https://sjy.org/liturgical-ministries>
 - Our Daily Bread casserole preparation - <https://sjy.org/social-ministries>
 - St. Joseph Carnival - <https://sjy.org/carnival-volunteers>

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- Vacation Bible School - <https://sjy.org/educational-ministries>
- Catholic Harvest Food Pantry - <https://www.catholicharvest.org/events>
- Misericordia Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - <https://mn-rc.org/giving/volunteer/>
- York County Parks and Recreation – <https://www.supportyourparks.org/volunteer/>
- Habitat for Humanity - <https://www.yorkhabitat.org/options-for-children.html>
- The Lehman Center - <https://www.cassd.org/volunteer.html>
- York County Libraries - <https://www.yorklibraries.org/support/volunteer/>
- Leg Up Farm – <https://www.legupfarm.org/volunteer/>
- Margaret E. Moul Home – <https://www.margaretemoul.org/volunteer/>
- Special Olympics – <https://specialolympicspa.org/?Itemid=1305>
- York Food Bank – <https://yorkfoodbank.org/volunteer/>

Specific events that need volunteers will be posted in Pass the Word or in separate announcements. If you have any questions regarding service work or need further inspiration, please contact DRE@sjy.org.