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Due: April

Serving Our Parish Community and the Larger Community in 10th Grade

Seeing Christ in the Domestic Church, the Catholic Church and throughout the World

As a Confirmation candidate, you are preparing to assume the role of witness for Christ both in the Catholic Church (especially within your parish community) and in the world (especially within your community).

Directions: During this school year while you are preparing for Confirmation, you are required to find meaningful, quality ways to serve your family, the Catholic Church (our parish community) and the larger community of New Hope and the surrounding area

- Your service should be unpaid.
- Your service should be connected to prayer. Ask God how he is calling you, pray for those whom you serve, etc.
- You should serve in ways that you do not normally serve, in order to let God stretch you and show you what He can do through you. *(For example, if you are normally expected to do the dishes at home, then you should also serve in another way at home.)*

Because service is lifelong and never completed, there are no specific requirements for the number of service hours or events. A strong effort for meaningful and quality service needs to be shown through your thoughtful responses to the following questions. If the quality of the service you completed is in doubt, you will receive follow-up questions from the Coordinator of the Confirmation program. You need to serve in MORE THAN ONE way for each section.

Before you begin serving, please take some time to reflect...

What are some gifts that God has given you? (For example, are you a good listener? Are you organized? Do you like to plan events? Are you athletic or do you have some musical talent?)

How do you serve your family currently? Our parish? The larger community? What are some new ways that you could use them to serve in these areas? Do you see a need here not being met?

Spend some time in prayer asking God how He is calling you to serve.

Catholic Community of St. Joseph

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Service Opportunities at the Parish Community of St. Joseph

*Please note that this list is not exhaustive. Further opportunities will be presented to students throughout the school year through email and announced at On the Rock.

Liturgical Ministries – contact Aaron VanDanacker at 763-544-3352 ext. 106
Projectionist, Soundboard, Music Ministry, Lector at the 5:30pm Mass

Respect Life Committee – contact Val Poppe at val_poppe@yahoo.com

Parish Fall Festival

Pulled Pork (This is the responsibility of High School Youth Ministry. You can sign-up for a shift on sign-up genius

Parish Nursery – contact the Parish Office at 763-544-4452 ext. 113 or cep-ping@stjosephparish.com

Give Cole a call to see what is available—watch the Bulletin

Serving the Parish: Write a paragraph below describing in detail how you served this parish during the school year. What did you like about serving and what was difficult? How did you see or experience God through your service? Be specific in what exactly you did and what it was like.

Write a prayer for this parish below, especially for those you served:

Service Opportunities in the Greater Community

NEW THIS YEAR—9th and 10th grade youth are required to participate in one service event sponsored by the parish. Suitable events: Parish Fall Festival , Kidpack , Super Service Saturdays , and Feed My Starving Children (See bulletin or parish calendar for dates and times)

Serving the Larger Community: Write a paragraph below describing in detail how you served the larger community during this school year. What did you like most about serving? What was most difficult? How did you see or experience God through your service? Be specific in what exactly you did and what it was like.

Write a prayer for those that you served in the community below:

Before you turn this packet in, in April, take some time to reflect on your service by answering the following questions.

On a scale of 1 (poor) - 10 (best), how would you rate your service this school year? Why?

What is one thing you learned through your service?

How has service helped prepare you for the sacrament of Confirmation?

What are some ways that you plan to continue serving your family, your parish, and the larger community in the future?

Parents: How did you witness your young people serve this past year? Was their service effective?

Parent Signature: _____