

☐ Year 1

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# Service Hours

**Due Date: March 15, 2024**

Hours from March 15, 2023-March 15, 2024 may be used.

10 hours minimum from **the PARISH** category, and 5 hours minimum from the **COMMUNITY** category, totaling 15 hours of service for the year are required.

## **PARISH HOURS (10 hours *minimum*)**

Serving at Mass, in parish ministries, or assisting in catechesis within the parish

Examples: Vacation Bible School; Children's Liturgy; ushering/greeting at Mass; Assisting at fundraisers/events for Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Altar Society, etc; Fatima; CCD Classroom Aide

## **COMMUNITY HOURS (5 hours *minimum*)**

Serving at hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, soup kitchens, community events/fundraisers

Activities planned and executed by candidates under the supervision of an adult

Confirmation leader

Examples: Food drive, coat drive. Come to us with **YOUR** ideas!

Immersion Experience: Working with ongoing service organizations on projects that allow candidate to experience a different walk of life outside of their cultural/socioeconomic level of comfort.

Example: Mission Trip

These Service Hours are based on the recommendations of the Diocese of Fresno.

Questions? Email Jane Machado at [jane.machado13@gmail.com](mailto:jane.machado13@gmail.com) or text 559-679-3590

***Please use the form on the back to record all of your hours.***

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## Parish Service *10 Hours Total Minimum*

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## Community Service *5 Hours Total Minimum*

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# Service is Faith in Action

## What are service hours?

They are hours spent sharing your love of Jesus Christ with others who may or may not be as fortunate as you are. It is your opportunity to show that you believe in Jesus and what He taught us by your actions and deeds.

## Why do we have to?

Because Jesus told us to in Matthew 25:40 – And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” The service project is an answer to the Gospel challenge to love our neighbor as Jesus loves us. Jesus gave us many examples of loving service.

## Why do we do them?

Because, like Jesus, we must love our neighbor and trust that God will always be there for us. To have the promise of salvation fulfilled in us, we must choose to live our faith in both word and action. James 2:14-17 – What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can the faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

## Why do we do it for Confirmation?

Because it is not enough that you know about your faith. How do you put your faith into practice? How often do you go out of your way to help others? Read the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12.

## How do I start?

Think about what some of your God-given talents are and then list ways that those talents can help in the church, community, and at home. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Ask God for guidance. He won't let you down. Open your heart and your mind to His help. Remember your service hours need to be special and not something already being done as a part of your daily routine. There is a list of service projects included in this packet. The list may give you some ideas of what you would like to do. It is an incomplete list because there are many other opportunities. Perhaps you have your own special service in mind.

## What do I do?

Before making your decision and commitment: Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. Talk to your parents and sponsor to discuss ideas. Find out the needs of people in your family, neighborhood, parish, school, or community. Make phone calls and ask what you can do to help. Schedule yourself to help. Prepare yourself for the service project by praying and asking for God's help. (Some of your projects might be uncomfortable for you. Ask God to give you patience and compassion. Read and reflect on some of the scripture listed in this information.)

## What are the Service Requirement Guidelines?

- You cannot accept payment for ANY of your service hours.
- You may not include activities that benefit you, your family, your class, or your team (sports, ag, etc...) e.g. raising money for a class trip or household chores.
- You may not count anything for which you are already counting the service hour credit for another organization. In other words, no double-dipping.
- **These hours must ALL be COMPLETED and turned in by March 15, 2024.**
- All 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.