

Confirmation Service Hours Reflection Paper

Paper is Due February 15, 2023. You may submit online via Google Forms – please copy and paste your paper into the response form, do not leave a link to a google doc. If you cannot submit via google forms you may print your paper and turn it in to your PSR teacher or to the NCS school office to go in the parish mailbox.

After you have completed your service, answer the questions listed below that help you to pray and reflect upon your service more deeply.

Then write a 250 word Reflection Paper about your Service experience(s).

Make sure to include in your paper at least one specific way that you intend to serve the community after you have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At the end of the questions, there is a sample Service Reflection Paper to give you an idea of what the paper might look like when completed.

As you write your Service Hours Reflection Paper, reflect upon and answer at least 3 of the questions from #1-6 and then conclude your paper by answering the Mandatory question (#7):

- 1) What specific service experience(s) are you most grateful for?
- 2) What experience surprised or challenged you, and why?
- 3) Describe someone you met and got to know during your service. How did you come to know them? How has getting to know this person strengthened or challenged your faith?
- 4) In what people, places and situations did you find it easy to find God?
- 5) Did you witness anyone or anything that has inspired you to be a more active and loving Catholic Christian?
- 6) In what ways has your experience of Service impacted and/or changed your faith life?

And you **MUST** answer this question: How do you plan to serve within the community after you have been confirmed?

Sample Paper:

For my service this year I worked in the parish for the Trunk or Treat and for the Mass of Remembrance. The trunk or treat was a lot of fun, I served donuts and talked to my friends. It didn't feel very much like service, but it was cool to see all of the little kids and to see how happy everyone was to spend time together. For the Mass of remembrance, I helped by carrying in candles of those who died this year and their families couldn't come and then I helped with the dinner after. I didn't even know that our church did something like this. The families who were able to come really liked having their loved one remembered, and I tried to pray for the person who I carried the candle for. It was a good reminder that we need to be praying for people even after they die. I think we forget that a lot. I always hear in class how we are supposed to pray for the dead so it was neat to see how our church does that is a special way.

For my personal service I wanted to help make my neighbor dinner. Her husband has been pretty sick and she is older and I know she is always driving him to appointments. I don't see them outside as much as I used to and I miss that. I asked them first if I could make dinner and they were so grateful. I decided to ask around to see if a few other people wanted to help and was able to get 3 other people to make them a dinner too. It was hard for me to ask and seemed awkward but I am glad I did because my neighbor seemed so happy to have the help. I was happy to get to know my neighbor more during this. They have lived next to us my whole life and I've always seen them outside and they are always so nice. It seemed like this was a good chance for me to be a good neighbor to them. I thought I would just do the one dinner and stop because I was done with my service. But I really liked it and I know that they can use the help, so I have been taking them dinner once a month this year. I also have learned how to make more things than spaghetti so that was good.

After Confirmation I just want to keep my eyes open more for how I can serve. I was trying to find something to hurry up and get done and then I found my service right next door.