

## Service Project Suggestions

*Jesus said, "Here I am among you as one who serves." (Luke 22:27)*

Before making a commitment to a service project, think about the variety of ways in which you can use your talents and abilities to help others. These suggestions are only some of the ways other candidates have chosen to serve. Perhaps something on this list will help you decide the service you would like to perform. The list may give you some other ideas of what you would like to do. Perhaps you, alone, or with a group of friends, have your own special service in mind.

**Ideas include but are not limited to:**

Help prepare for a children's liturgy	Write cards or letters to hospitalized children, teens or veterans	Write letters to government officials about justice issues
Help in the Religious Education program		Work in a special education program
Visit the elderly at home or in a nursing home	Collect food for the poor	
Assist senior citizens (non- relatives) with their chores.	Prepare a meal or dessert for a family whose parent or child died	Help with a fund raising project for a charitable organization
Organize or help with a recycling project	Collect toys for poor children	
Initiates a "clean-up" campaign in the parish, school or Local Park	Read to the blind	Collect, clean and repair clothing for the poor
Help a needy family	Make audiotapes for the blind or elderly	Earn money for the missions by washing cars, babysitting, etc
Volunteer to work in a hospital	Make gifts or favors for hospitals or nursing homes	Bake for a cake sale
Tutor after school	Prepare entertainment or holiday parties for nursing homes or child care centers	Join a service group
Shop for an elderly neighbor		
Do approved yard work at the school or parish	Collect and deliver magazines to the emergency waiting rooms, hospital waiting rooms clinics and dialysis centers	

The intent of service hours as a requirement for Confirmation is to help the students realize not only the great need of so many that are less fortunate than we are, but also to realize the tremendous sense of purpose and accomplishment we feel by being the "hands of Christ." Therefore it is really important to seek out real need - not just what is simply easy or accessible; to other words, go beyond your family needs. Service hours in which the student receives monetary compensation or school extra credit do not count as "community service".

**Please Note:** If you have any questions regarding the acceptability of an activity as "community service," please contact the Religious Education Office.