



Community Service

The Holy Spirit helps us to be people of service in the Christian Community and your Confirmation is a call to Christian service. As a student in the Confirmation Preparation Program, or **any** 7th or 8th student taking Religion at St. Margaret Mary School, you will be responsible for 30 hours of Christian service in both 7th and 8th grade (a total of 60 hours). By the end of each Trimester, at least, 10 Service Hours should be turned in to your Religion Teacher. ***Students who do not complete Service Hours may not be eligible for end of the year activities, including the class field trip!***

As part of your preparation, you are asked to reflect on how you build-up your parish community through Christian service. Christian service is not simply a one-time obligation or only a part of Confirmation preparation. Rather, serving others should be part of our whole Christian attitude. Service means that we follow Jesus' example of putting love into practice each day of our lives.

Paid service, family chores (including Grandparents) or babysitting for family is not Community Service!

The following list contains suggestions for service hours:



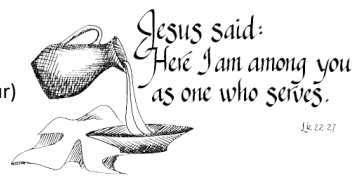

- 1) Altar server, lector, or choir member
- 2) Assisting the elderly – reading to, shopping for, mowing, shoveling, raking, taking out trash, light housekeeping or visiting.
- 3) Babysitting for parish or school programs, or busy mothers in need of help
- 4) Food distribution – Food bank, Meals-on-Wheels, or food collections
- 5) Clothing drives
- 6) Visiting the Sick
- 7) Fundraising for your parish or school
- 8) Helping people with Special Needs – “Special Olympics”, etc.
- 9) Helping at Animal Shelters
- 10) Youth Group, Boy Scout, or Girl Scout service projects

Check with your Youth Ministry Coordinator, for service projects!

These are only a few suggestions. Check with your teachers for other ideas or come up with your own project ideas. God Bless your efforts! There are few Community Service coupons attached to this letter. **You may print out more coupons from the St.M.M. website!**



Community Service Coupons

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