

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT 2023-2024**

Plan is due to teachers by Weds, Oct. 25th. Actual service must be completed by the end of January.

## Serving others is one of the corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy we practice as Catholics

Confirmation candidates shall create a plan for how they can serve others during their journey toward receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an honor system project and signatures documenting time served are not required. There is not a minimum number of hours set for this project, but a good target is at least 10 hours.

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS**

#### Be an Altar Server

There are many reasons to become an altar server. For example, being an altar server helps you become more involved in the church community, gets you fully involved in the Mass, and helps you build a deeper relationship with God.

## Be the Good Samaritan & Volunteer Close to Home

Make a Commitment to help a family member, friend or neighbor that is either going through a tough time, is sick, or could simply benefit from some extra kindness and a little extra help.

#### **Examples**

- -Help an elderly neighbor by bringing their trash to the curb for trash pick-up and putting the empty bins away after trash is collected for a set period of time...1 month, 2 months, etc.
- -Shovel the snow, rake leaves or mow the lawn for a neighbor in need, all season long.
- -Send a postcard to family member or friend telling them how special they are to you, once a week.

### **Volunteer at School**

There are many clubs and organizations at school dedicated to helping others and the environment.

Join a club at school and regularly participate in its activities.

### **Volunteer in the Community**

Volunteer for a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the hungry, homeless, the sick, or the environment.

## **Examples of Non-Profits to Consider**

Martha's Table-marthastable.org
A Wider Circle-awidercircle.org
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington-catholiccharitiesdc.org
Little Falls Watershed Alliance-lfwa.org



# **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT PLAN**

Typed answers are due to the teachers by Oct. 25th

Identify a need in the community that you can address through a corporal or spiritual Work of Mercy.

CONFIRMANDI'S NAME:
A need in the community is:
The Work of Mercy I plan to do to serve this need is:
Explain your plan. Describe and detail how you will do this Work of Mercy:
How many hours do I intend to give to this project? (ie. I plan to spend 1/2 hour a week helping my elderly neighbor take out the trash and return the empty trash bin once a week for 20 weeks.)  Specifiy:

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT REFLECTION**

In preparation for the Confirmation Interviews in February, Candidates will be asked to reflect on their Community Service project. Below are the questions they will need to answer and submit in writing to their teachers no later than the week before the interview.

Explain how this Work of Mercy has helped those you served, helped you grow and how it has deepened your faith.

How has your family shown support and encouragement with your Community Service Project? How did your Community Service Project help you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? How did giving of your time and talent to others impact you? Explain. How do you intend to continue to serve others *after* Confirmation? Explain.

For Little Flower School (LFS) students, please hand deliver or email to Mrs. Mirkow at mmirkow@lfschool.org
For Private Catholic School (PCS) & Religious Ed (RE) students, please hand deliver or email to Fr. Tom at
grade8ccd@lfparish.Questions? Please contact Sister Roberta or Inga Barry at 301-320-5233 or rthompson@lfschool.org and
ibarry@lfparish.org