

The Catholic Community of St. Patrick and St. James
Confirmation Service Reflection Form

Dear student,

This year of Confirmation preparation will bring much growth and opportunity for you! As you continue to grow in the Catholic Faith you will also begin to explore the many ways that God is calling you to be active members, and even leaders, in our faith community. You will learn of your responsibility to share your faith and spread the gospel message. You will come to understand that service is a part of our faith life.

*To put this knowledge in to practice, all candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to complete **15 hours** of service, as described below:*

NEW THIS YEAR! 3 different types of service required.

- 1) *Minimum of 5 hours of Ministry service – this is something that supports a parish function and helps to establish your understanding of importance as an active parishioner, as we are all called to be.*

- 2) *Minimum of 5 hours of Community service / Corporal Works of Mercy – this is something that supports our community at large and helps others to know of our calling to share our time and talent with those in need.*

- 3) *Minimum of 5 hours of Social Justice or Spiritual Works of Mercy – this is something that, through prayer or peaceful activism, creates awareness and support of life, human dignity and creation. This would be an example of **Catholic Social Teaching**. Resources:*

- <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/index.cfm>
- <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>

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The hours can be accumulated in 1 hour increments and can include a wide variety of opportunities for each category.

Note that the service experience(s) you choose must benefit a person or organization outside of your home and family.

Service at another church may or may not be accepted. If you have found something you would like to be considered for service, but are unsure if it's appropriate, please ask your teacher or the office staff before doing it.

Please log your hours on the attached form. Your reflection of service experiences should be documented on the following pages.

To be completed and turned in **no later than Sunday February 21, 2016.**

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Confirmation Candidate's Name: _____

✠ **Begin by reading and reflecting on Matthew 25:35-40.**

✠ Briefly summarize where your service hours were completed and what work you did in support of that organization or event. Explain the details of your responsibilities and any planning that went into its

1. Parish Ministry:

2. Community Service / Corporal Work of Mercy:

3. Social Justice / Catholic Social Teaching:

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✦ Of the experiences you had, which provided the most rewarding moment, feeling or outcome? How does it help in your preparation for Confirmation?

✦ Of the experiences you had, which provided the most challenging part of your project? How does it help in your preparation for Confirmation?

✦ How do your service experiences relate with Jesus' challenge to serve? How has this project revealed what it means to be a Catholic Christian today?

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Parish Ministry:

Date:	Activity	Hours	Notes:

Community Outreach / Corporal Work of Mercy:

Date:	Activity	Hours	Notes:

Social Justice / Catholic Social Teaching:

Date:	Activity	Hours	Notes:

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