

HOURS DUE & REFLECTION DUE: MAY 2017

The Confirmation Preparation Program encourages the Candidates for Confirmation to stretch their comfort zones and grow in humbleness and gratitude.

Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez, OP, has said that our task as Christians is to transform the world through love and justice. And, only one kind of person transforms the world spiritually—to achieve this we must have grateful hearts.

To serve, then, is a true gift for both the recipient and the giver. It is important not only to listen and understand the Word of God, but also to apply the lessons learned. This is essential to living as a Christian and following Jesus' footsteps.

The connection between Confirmation and service is this: That each confirmed Christian has a calling and a responsibility to serve as a living example of Jesus' teachings – to serve one another with humbleness. God calls us to serve and we say, "Here I am, Lord!"

Guidelines & Requirements:

1. 20 Hours and the reflection are due at or before the candidates Confirmation Interview in May.
 - a. Hours count starting June 1st of the previous year. For 8th grade candidates that is June 1st before your 8th grade year.
2. It is the Candidate's responsibility to fulfill the requirements of this project
3. 15 of the service hours must be work done with the vulnerable; poor, sick, elderly, or differently abled.
 - a. Our parish has many service opportunities that meet this criterion. Look for announcements in the bulletin and eletter for parish wide service
 - b. Take initiative and call service organizations (ex: SOME or A Wider Circle)
 - c. Participate in S4J (a youth service club at Holy Trinity)
 - d. Complete your service in the summer before 8th grade at Peace Camp or another organization that serves the vulnerable.
4. 5 of the service hours may be service done for Holy Trinity parish or for your school. Examples of these types of service are: donut ministry, liturgical ministry, or parish/RE office volunteer.
5. Service must be an activity that is supervised by an adult, non-relative (over 21) where students help at non-profits, in their schools, or at Holy Trinity.
6. Service may not occur in a for profit business.
7. There can be no monetary compensation for service performed.
8. Service must be for an individual or group other than the student's family.

Reflection Questions and Guidelines:

1. What was/were your service project(s)? - 1 paragraph
2. **Describe** your experience/s. Was it a new experience?
3. Was it difficult/easy? Do you think you made a difference?
4. What did you learn about yourself and others in doing these projects?
5. Has this service experience enhanced your understanding of Confirmation?
6. In what ways did you see God in your experience?

How to Send:

- 1) **Preferred Method:** Turn in service log and reflection at confirmation interview in May.
- 2) Alternatively: if you finish early and would like to turn it in e-mail the log and reflection to Sara Seligmann sseligmann@trinity.org

