

Service Requirements for Confirmation

All due by April 11, 2013



Confirmation is the third sacrament of initiation in the Catholic Church. In Confirmation you are committing to live as a mature disciple of Jesus within the Catholic Church. Jesus himself said that he came to serve not to be served. To be a mature disciple of Jesus we need to live a life of service, following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Instead of having a given number of service hours to be completed, Saint Matthias is asking you to do **three service projects and write reflections after each of them**. You can turn them in as you complete them but they are all due by April 11, 2013.

Individual Service Project

Choose a project where you will be of service to a person, outside of your family (you owe your family service) or an organization. Give the attached "**Individual Service Project**" paper to the person or supervisor of the project to fill out and attach it to your reflection paper. For example here at Saint Matthias we would benefit from you joining the choir or regularly committing to be an altar server.

After the service you could write an essay paper or you could copy each question below and write your answer after it. The paper should be neatly written or typed, have your full name and the date at the top and should include the following points in the reflection. Please read through your essay with your sponsor and/or parents. Correct any spelling or grammar errors prior to submitting your completed paper.

- How did you encounter Christ through this service?
- How did you reflect Christ's love through this service?
- Where or in what ways did you perceive Christ's love or the work of the Holy Spirit in this service?
- How did performing this service bring you closer to God and his love?

Family Service Project

Work with your family to plan a family project for serving others outside of your family. For example your family could spend a Saturday morning cleaning out closets and take the items you no longer use to some organization that works with the poor. Discuss with your family practical projects that you can do together to serve others in need. **Simply cleaning up the house doesn't serve the larger community.**

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Class Service Project

Discuss with either Mrs. Lattanzi or Mr. Emmanuel and your religion class ideas for a service project through which all of you can serve the broader community.

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