

# VOLUNTEER SERVICE

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that, “**The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities.**”

**The Corporal Works of Mercy** are **concrete and tangible ways** that we can follow the example of Jesus and live out our Christian faith.

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy** are **directed toward our spiritual well-being** that we may recognize the eternal goal we are called to attain.

Selflessly giving of your time to help members of your church and community is a crucial part of your personal and spiritual growth. When you volunteer your time, you will acquire a sense of fulfillment as you help others to grow or those in need. No payment is accepted for volunteering. In volunteering, you expect nothing in return; you will appreciate the joy and satisfaction knowing you made a difference in someone’s life.

**To fulfill your Confirmation volunteer requirement, you must perform SIX hours of service.**

Volunteer service can be done at the church by helping at church functions or with church programs. You can also volunteer your time at community functions or through school programs. Check your town, school and Nativity webpages for volunteer opportunities. If you are unsure if a volunteer opportunity is acceptable, please contact the RE Office before you commit to any service.

It is suggested you look for volunteer opportunities as soon as possible. Some volunteer opportunities are on-going such as food pantries; other events have a finite day with limited hours available. Be sure to ask if volunteering for a project or service requires signing up before the event; space may be limited.

When you complete your service, please request a log, timesheet, certificate or letter signed by an official of the service or event. This document should be uploaded or turned into the RE Office.

After completing your volunteer time, please fill out the Service Project Reflection form and upload that as well.

If you have any questions or concerns about the volunteer service portion of your Confirmation preparation, please contact the RE Office.

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SERVICE PROJECT REFLECTION**

This form is your reflection on your volunteer service.

Does your activity reflect a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

When I began this service, I felt/thought/expected: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

The best part of this service was: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The hardest part of this service was: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I realize that other people: \_\_\_\_\_

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**OVER**

Performing this service, I learned: \_\_\_\_\_

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After completing this service, I felt: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_