

Dear Parents and Students,

One of the components for the reception of Confirmation is the service to others – **church, school, parish and community**. Candidates for the reception of Confirmation are asked to select service projects that are geared to their own special talents and abilities. Service should be performed freely and willingly without payment. The service project is meant to represent the candidates' intentions of becoming full members of this service community, the church, and special followers of Christ - Christians. **SERVICE PROJECTS ARE NOT TO BE DONE FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY (unless approved by the Professional Catechetical Leader) – THEY ARE TO BE APOSTOLIC WORKS FOR OTHERS.**

In order to assist the students in record keeping for their projects this Project Book has been developed. Students should make sure they have completed at least one project in each area prior to the due date for the Project Book. The areas for service projects are Church, School, Parish and Community. **Each student will be expected to complete service project(s) in the four different areas. They will have to be involved in service projects with a minimum of 40 hours split between the four areas. FOR EXAMPLE: if a student decides to serve the Church by serving at Mass, serve the School by helping a teacher, serve the Community by mowing grass and serve the Parish by helping at the Lenten dinners the total of the hours served needs to be spread between the four areas. The total hours need to be forty hours. See the next page for possible examples. Students are not allowed to work more than 5 hours at any one service opportunity. For example: no more than 5 hours as an altar server, also no more than 5 hours helping a teacher. If you have any questions please contact Jackie Robbins at 237-3516.**

After a project is completed have the hour section signed by the person or persons who supervised them during the project. Students will write a one-page summary, for each area, in this Project Book on what he/she did to complete the service project.

Service can begin as soon as a seventh grader receives the project book in May. Service project books are to be reviewed by the Office of Religious Formation each quarter of the school year. Completed service project books are due no later than **Sunday, March 08, 2020**. Students can give their completed service projects books to Jackie Robbins.

Ideas of service projects will be given out at class and be sure to read the Church bulletin for other opportunities for service projects.

A \$5.00 fee will be charged if a student needs a new Project Book.

Sincerely yours,

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