

## **Confirmation Service**

### **Class of 2028**

Dear Incoming sixth grader:

Next year you will be preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. One element of this is service.

Each student is expected to complete at least three service projects of two hours each. These projects are based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

You may begin this over the summer. It is often easier to find the time to participate in a service project during school breaks. All service must be completed by August 2026.

Please review the attached pages with your parents.

A parent meeting will be held in the fall for all confirmation candidates.

If you have any questions about service hours, please email me at [mfinnegan@stisidoreschool.com](mailto:mfinnegan@stisidoreschool.com).

Have a safe, fun, and blessed summer!

Mrs. Finnegan

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

### Corporal Works of Mercy

Works	Example
Feed the hungry.	
Give drink to the thirsty.	
Clothe the naked.	
Shelter the homeless.	
Visit the sick.	
Visit the imprisoned.	
Bury the dead.	

### Spiritual Works of Mercy

Works	Example
Warn the sinner.	
Teach the ignorant.	
Counsel the doubtful.	
Comfort the sorrowful.	
Bear wrongs patiently.	
Forgive injuries.	
Pray for the living and the dead.	

## Confirmation and Being of Service

What does sharing in Jesus' mission mean for us today? Doing Jesus' work means living a life of service.

The servant is unaware of himself or herself. The servant's attention is focused on the person being served. The servant automatically responds to needs that present themselves, regardless of the burden of the difficulty involved.

A disciple of Jesus responds to the needs of others. The challenge to a Christian servant is to become more and more aware of the needs of the people he or she encounters in daily life.

Living a life of service may mean offering to help a classmate struggling to understand some schoolwork. It means responding to a family member's call for help with a specific household task. It could mean, for instance, doing the dishes or even starting dinner when you get home from school. Living a life of service could mean shoveling the snow from the sidewalk of an elderly couple, raking the leaves for the neighborhood "grouch" or just keeping a lonely person company some afternoon. A Christian servant responds to those in need both inside and outside the home--in the Church and civic community.

Living a life of service means more than responding only to individuals who are in need; it also means performing tasks that lead toward justice. Looking for the people who eat at a free-meal program is a marvelous Christian service and is directly serving the needs of the hungry. However, our call to Christian service might demand more--that we get involved in fighting the cause of that hunger and the institutions and systems that perpetuate human suffering. It may mean working with organizations that fight the poverty that imprisons the poor. It may mean writing to businesses and legislators, urging them to create new jobs. In any case, bringing glad tidings to the poor and proclaiming liberty to captives takes many forms.

Your own "backyard" is a good place to start looking for those in need of your service. Think of the one person in your school who is a captive of the schooling system. No matter what he or she tries to do, it just isn't good enough to get a passing grade. Maybe the person just doesn't understand the way the teacher presents the subject matter. If you spent time with that individual, helping him or her learn to read or to develop better study habits, you would be doing a magnificent Christian service. If, however, you got involved with the student council and started to work to correct the system that allowed this person to fail and struggle so much, you would also be involved in Christian service. In both situations, you would be partaking in the mission of Jesus to help those who are suffering.

Live To Love as Jesus Loves

is the CHALLENGE of CONFIRMATION

Love is best expressed in service to others, free service without expecting anything in return. This must be our lifestyle as a Christian; Confirmation prepares us for this life of total giving.

When we meet Jesus the day we pass from this life to the next He will not ask us if we were cool and wore the latest fashions or had the most popular video games. He won't ask us how much money we made, how famous we were, or how much work we did better than others. Rather, he will say how did you love? Take time now to read Matthew 25:31-46. Are you in the habit of helping others? If you aren't, now is the time to begin a life of service.

We know that it isn't easy to give of ourselves. People-- sometimes even our friends--make fun of those who they really love. Have you ever experienced that? Confirmation fills us with the Spirit of God, who is love, so that we may love as Jesus loves and not worry about what others say.

Let us join together in a campaign of service before our Confirmation, so that it will become natural for us to

Works of Mercy completed in conjunction with scouts or your school may be counted if they meet the two-hour minimum and follow the other requirements.

The supervisor is the person responsible for the program or event under whose guidance you are working. Please have them sign your Reflection Form or attach a letter confirming your service. **Your supervisor cannot be your parent or immediate family member.**

Below are some service *ideas*. Don't let these ideas limit you, use your imagination and be creative. What can you do or how can you make someone else and God smile by helping others?

#### Church/Parish Community

- Participate in Church projects
- help clean up the Church grounds in the spring,
- help clean the parish cemetery in the spring and fall
- Read the bulletin and find out what events are coming up and how you might be of service to others in our parish and/or community.
- Look in the parish bulletin to find a list of groups that are a part of our parish, contact someone and find out what you can do to volunteer with them.

#### Community

- Raise funds for a charity- collect mittens, hats, change, clothing, pet supplies Participate in activities for younger children
- Help neighbors (sick/elderly) with yard work, errands, snow shoveling (without being paid!) Send encouraging letters or cards to police officers, firefighters, EMT's, residents in nursing homes, etc.
- Donate gently used items to a thrift shop or donation center
- During Advent/Christmas, stuff stockings for animal shelters, wounded veterans/soldiers, homeless shelters, etc.

#### World Community

- Walk to raise funds for any foundation or other charity
- Help to collect items and assemble packages for soldiers overseas or children in hospitals
- Collect/make scarves, blankets, socks, or masks for homeless or those in hospitals
- Sponsor a child in need and write letters to them

*Serving others through Works of Mercy/Charity is rooted in our faith in Jesus and flows from the grace of God. As part of our Christian duty of life-long service to others, each candidate is asked to compare their service work with the different Works of Mercy or Beatitude as part of his/his journey to Confirmation.*

Works Of Mercy Reflection Form - Project 1

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Supervisor's Name (Please Print)

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Supervisor's Signature

Which Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy or Beatitude did you perform?

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Describe your experience. (What? /Where? /When?)

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How long did you spend on this service project?

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Do you think you made a difference? (Why or why not?)

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What did you learn about yourself and others through this service?

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How has this service experience helped you to grow as you prepare for Confirmation?

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Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor or Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

(Sponsor or parents ~ feel free to make any observations or comments on the back of this paper about the candidate's service.)

Works Of Mercy Reflection Form - Project 2

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Supervisor's Name (Please Print)

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Supervisor's Signature

Which Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy or Beatitude did you perform?

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Describe your experience. (What? /Where? /When?)

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How long did you spend on this service project?

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Do you think you made a difference? (Why or why not?)

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What did you learn about yourself and others through this service?

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How has this service experience helped you to grow as you prepare for Confirmation?

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Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor or Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

(Sponsor or parents ~ feel free to make any observations or comments on the back of this paper about the candidate's service.)

Works Of Mercy Reflection Form - Project 3

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Supervisor's Name (Please Print)

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Supervisor's Signature

Which Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy or Beatitude did you perform?

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Describe your experience. (What? /Where? /When?)

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How long did you spend on this service project?

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Do you think you made a difference? (Why or why not?)

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What did you learn about yourself and others through this service?

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How has this service experience helped you to grow as you prepare for Confirmation?

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