



Office of Religious Education

St. James the Apostle Parish
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Service Project Information & Reflection Form

An integral part of the student's journey toward Confirmation are *Service Projects* which are completed in both years of formation (typically 7th and 8th grade). While we will offer opportunities throughout the year this requirement remains the responsibility of the parents and not the catechists, St. James teachers or the RE office. In our vision the focus is first and foremost on the experience that your son or daughter will receive and secondly on the time spent. Therefore, we ask each student to complete one service project per year (i.e. one in their 7th grade formation year and one in their 8th grade formation year). What will they learn about being Christ's disciple in the world? Will they experience the true joy that comes from giving of yourself in the service of another?

As the students travel through their formation toward the reception of Confirmation, we expect to see the degree of service expand from 7th to 8th grade. For example, in 7th grade they might participate in "Service Sundays" at church, but by 8th grade they need to strongly work toward some type of social justice ideal such as going to Feed My Starving Children or helping at PADS. Start locally providing service and then expand to the world.

Each student, not their catechist or teacher, needs to turn in completed service project forms for every project each year. The deadline to turn them in for 7th grade is before registration for the following year. A student's registration cannot be processed for the next year until they have turned in a completed service project for the year before. In 8th grade, each student will have until approximately 1 month before Confirmation to have a completed project turned in.

Once a service project has been completed that meets the above criteria, please complete the following report about your project and submit it to the RE office to be recorded.

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