

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church

Confirmation Christian Service Ministry



“For by the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obligated to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.” (CCC 1285)

A Word About Christian Service

Service is based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and, most of all, on the example of Christ who came to serve. When giving service, the following points should be considered:

- o *It is selflessly and lovingly helping those in need. Your service is not just a job to be done.*
- o *You should reflect on how your service project is helping you take on the mind and heart of Christ, fulfill the needs of others, and build up the Christian Community.*
- o *The giving of service should continue after your Confirmation, and all through your life.*
- o *As parents, we should encourage and invite our children to develop this “way” of service so that it may grow throughout their lives.*

All candidates for Confirmation are required to give of their time and talents so as to learn that the acts of service are a regular part of our daily living of the Christian Way of Life as taught in the Gospels.

What Counts for Christian Service Hours?

- ~Volunteering at any non-profit or Catholic service agency designed to support people in need (like soup kitchens, homeless shelters, retirement homes, hospitals, goodwill stores, etc.)
- ~Volunteering for an organization that benefits the community at large (like a school, library, after school program, WorkCamp, etc.)
- ~Volunteering at St. Clare of Montefalco parish Christian service events (e.g. the K of C vocation dinner, Simple Suppers at Lent, the parish Giving Tree, St. Clare School Christian service projects etc.)
- ~If you are unsure about whether a particular volunteer opportunity is appropriate, contact Michelle Brock, Director of Religious Education.

What Does NOT Count?

- ~Doing chores at home—you should be doing that anyway to contribute to the needs of your family!
- ~Babysitting (unless you are babysitting at a community agency as outlined above.)
- ~Volunteering for a commercial entity that is making a profit from the work being done (like a cleaning company, construction company, food preparation company, etc.)
- ~Once again, if you are unsure whether a particular volunteer opportunity is appropriate, contact Michelle Brock, Director of Religious Education.

Why do Christian service?

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?” And, the King will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25: 37-40

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Confirmation Service Hours Form 2011-2012

Name: _____

Year in Confirmation formation: 7th grader _____ 8th grader _____

St. Clare School Student _____ Religious Education Student _____

Phone: _____ Parent email address: _____

Date of the Service Project: _____ Service Hours completed: _____

Name of Service Project: _____

Name and Address of service organization _____

Instructions: Please list the activity you are reporting. Explain what you did, what you learned and how your faith was affected by your service. Have the activity supervisor sign the form and provide their telephone number. Turn in the activity to the Director of Religious Education or at your next religion class.

Activity Description of the Christian service that I performed:

What I learned and how my Catholic faith has been affected:

Activity Supervisor Signature:

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Please turn this form into the Religious Education Office by April 4, 2012 or it may be faxed to (313) 647-5005 or scanned and emailed as an attachment to mcbrockDRE@stclarem.org to the attention of Michelle Brock, Director of Religious Education.