



Community Service Reflection

It is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Baltimore for Confirmation candidates to complete community service hours. Saint Joseph Church asks that you complete a variety of different types of service. (7 hrs. "Family," 7 hrs. "Parish," and 7 hrs. "Community.") The reason for this is so that you can actively engage in different settings and with different types of people.

Please keep track of the "Confirmation Service Log." "Additional Notes" pages have also been provided. As you perform your community service, jot down notes so that you can recall things that made an impression on you when you go to write your reflection. This will make your writing process go a lot easier and will hopefully provide a more interesting paper.

The reflection paper should be around 100 words. You can highlight your favorite experience or compare different things you did. Some questions to get you started:

- What was your favorite community service experience and why?
- Did you have an experience that challenged you? What did you learn about yourself from it?
- How did you feel when you first arrived at the site? How did that change as you worked?
- What did you think about when you were working?
- Did you reflect on Jesus' model of stewardship? Did you think about "your" Saint's modeling of service? How are you called to be holy?
- How did your service experience help you to grow closer to God?
- Were you able to work directly with people in need? What was that experience like?
- How will you continue to serve the Church or your community after you have been confirmed?
- How did your work make you feel as though you were a valued member of the community to which you served?
- How is God calling you to make the world a better place?

These questions are meant to be a starting place. You may pick and choose or write what comes to your mind. Please be thoughtful. Your reflection on your service is part of your faith discovery. You get what you put into it.

Please make sure your name is on your paper.