



Community Service Reflection

Due: Sunday, December 4 (session #6)

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 500 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.

Common Service Opportunities at Saint Joseph's:

This list is intended to give you an idea of opportunities. Dates listed below are tentative. Some activities may not happen, others not listed may be added. Please check the bulletin and the St. Joseph Youth Ministry Facebook page for information. Confirmation candidates will be notified via the email address on file about many service opportunities as they come up throughout the year. Emails will indicate if they are "Church" or "Community" opportunities. In order for you to be prepared, most opportunities will require advance sign up. Please be respectful of that.

Spaghetti Dinner

Chicken Dinner

Passion Walk (Volunteers will be needed for set-up and throughout, please watch the St. Joseph Youth Ministry Facebook page and bulletin for information)

Impact Youth Ministry Peer (must commit to 4 sessions) spalmateer@stjoefullerton.org

Amplify Middle School Youth Ministry Peer (commit to 2 sessions)

spalmateer@stjoefullerton.org

Spring Campus Clean-Up

Flea Market contact sttitz@stjoefullerton.org 4/22-4/23

Faith,Family,Fellowship/Donut Sundays (see back) **1st Sunday Sept-May**

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 10:30 Sunday mass- Contact sttitz@stjoefullerton.org

Usher/Greeter- at all masses. (20 minutes service time per mass)

Altar server (1 hr. service time per mass)

Casseroles (see back)

SJAA Soccer Camp in the summer

Vacation Bible School (VBS) For info., please contact Parish Office 410-256-1630

Preparations: **June 21-22** Camp: **June 27-30 8:30-12:30**

Ignite Service Camp: Registration and fee required. Please contact parish office if interested. 410-256-1630

Parish Picnic- please contact Parish Office or spalmateer@stjoefullerton.org

St. Joseph School Welcome Back picnic confirmation@stjoefullerton.org

Fall Clean Up (TBA but advertised in bulletin)

Soccer Shoot Out- Fall

Fall Middle School Dance spalmateer@stjoefullerton.org

St. Joseph School Trunk or Treat

St. Joseph School Breakfast with Santa (December)

Christmas preparations for various parish activities such as ornament making, caroling, tags for Giving Trees, sorting Giving Tree Donations, etc. spalmateer@stjoefullerton.org

Faith, Family, Fellowship/Donut Sunday is always in need of volunteers on the first Sunday of the month. They are in the Parish Center Hall from 7:15-10:15 (first shift) and 10:00-12:30 (second shift). Volunteers help set up, serve donuts, clean up and provide hospitality. Please contact Page Naimoli confirmation@stjoefullerton.org. This opportunity would count as "parish" service.

Beans & Bread Soup Kitchen Candidates may make casseroles for service hours. Two casseroles for one hour of service. No more than two hours of service may be obtained by making casseroles. Candidates are encouraged to participate in the food purchasing, preparation and drop off of the casseroles. Please call the Parish Office with questions: 410-256-1379.

Prayer: As the St. Joseph Community responds to the call of the Gospel to feed the hungry, we begin our response first with a prayer: Loving Father and Giver of all gifts, we give You thanks and praise for all the things of the earth which You provide for us. We offer the preparation of this food as a gift of our love in thanksgiving for Your love for us. We ask You to bless our drivers who will transport this food, may they return safely. We also ask Your blessing on the servers so that no matter how busy the routine, they may be graced with the awareness that it is Christ whom they are feeding. Thank you for the privilege of serving You through the Beans & Bread Soup kitchen. We pray this in Christ's Name. Amen.

Schedule: The St. Joseph's day for sharing at Beans & Bread is the first Friday of the month. Casseroles may be dropped off frozen anytime during Parish Office hours. New pans will be available when you deliver your casserole if you would like them.

Recipe: All-In-One Casserole

1 ½ lbs. Ground beef
1 cup chopped celery
3 cups cooked small shell macaroni (about 2 cups uncooked)
2 cans of any type of beans (NO KIDNEY BEANS)
1 can Hunt's Manwich sandwich sauce (regular size)
1 tsp. Chili powder

Brown the ground beef, add celery, cook till transparent. Drain the excess fat, stir in the remaining ingredients. Pour into a greased pan and cover with greased foil. Please mark "FROZEN" on the casserole if you freeze it.