



## ***Service Requirements for Confirmation Preparation***

We have moved away from the hour based system to an event based system. The goal is to make the service encounter a more meaningful experience for our students as well as assist parents in finding appropriate service opportunities.

- A schedule of approved service events will be provided and updated regularly on the Saint Ann Website
- If your child already participates in another form of volunteer service and you would like for him/her to count this as a service event, please contact Kathy Schober at 901.373.6011 for prior approval.
- The Service Event Guideline (found on the Saint Ann website) should be followed during your service.

In an effort to make St. Ann's Confirmation Preparation as meaningful as possible, in addition to regular Sunday Mass participation and daily personal prayer, the following are expected:

### **Confirmation I · 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Year:**

#### **Fall Term, the Candidate will:**

- Complete one (1) approved service event and turn in verification to DRE or Confirmation Coordinator by December
  - The student may complete both service events at any time
- Participate in classroom discussions, small group discussions and individual reflections as assigned by catechist through Decision Point
- Participate in catechist-led discussions to begin to consider possible sponsors and create a list of three possibilities to discuss with parents

#### **Spring Term, the Candidate will:**

- Continue to participate in classroom discussions, small group discussions and individual reflections as assigned by catechist through Decision Point.
- Complete one (1) approved service event and turn in verification to DRE or Confirmation Coordinator by Easter (2 total by Easter)
- By the end of term, guided by the parents and catechist, the candidate will choose a sponsor:
  - Sponsor is to complete and return/mail the signed and sealed Sponsor Eligibility Form by the end of April



## **Confirmation II · 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Year:**

### **Fall Term, the Candidate will:**

- Participate in classroom discussions, small group discussions and individual reflections as assigned by catechist through Chosen.
- Complete two approved service events and turn in verification to DRE or Confirmation Coordinator. (May complete all 4 service events.)
- Participate in the Rite of Welcoming
- Choose Patron Saint and present on that saint
- Keep in close contact with Sponsor.
- Demonstrate understanding and commitment to preparation content through classroom assessments.

### **Spring Term, the Candidate will:**

- Participate in the Confirmation Retreat and Rite of Enrollment in January
- Continue to participate in classroom discussions, small group discussions and individual reflections as assigned by catechist through Chosen.
- Complete two approved service events and turn in verification to DRE or Confirmation Coordinator. (4 total for the year by Easter.)
- Participate in the Rite of Sending on the Sunday before Confirmation.

The main goal of this preparation is to help each child grow in holiness. Hopefully, sharing these expectations far in advance will help us keep our main goal as our main focus as we proceed.