

# Christian Service Experiences

**\*Christian Service Reflection Form is due: Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> or Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>\***

The newly confirmed individual is fully initiated into the Catholic faith. He or she is just beginning a life of discipleship. Service experiences completed during the time of preparation expose candidates to the diverse opportunities to exercise their Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The collected service of our candidates will be recorded and offered up to God on Confirmation day. This becomes a gift to God in appreciation for His abundant blessings.

## Christian Service Experience FAQ's:

**Q:** What are Christian service experiences?

**A:** Service experiences are works that are unpaid without any material reward. Your experiences should help you to take on the mind and heart of Christ, fulfill the needs of others, and build up the Christian community; your commitment to service should continue after your Confirmation and throughout your life.

**Q:** How many Christian service experiences are required?

**A:** It is not a question of how many hours or how much. Your service experiences give you a chance to be Christ for others. Like Christ, your service should contribute to a positive change in the world. Your effort should help change for the better the conditions or relationships of others.

**NOTE:** Please plan to participate in a service experience either in our parish or your community totaling no less than four (4) hours. Additionally, you will be asked to thoughtfully complete and submit a **Reflection Form** for your experience.

Sometimes candidates ask if babysitting for a relative or helping grandparents with household chores can be used as service hours. Help given to family members is not considered Christian service. We help our families because we love them and should give our support when they need us.

Christian service and the Christian service reflection form must be completed and returned to the Religious Education office **NO later than Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> or Monday, October 23, 2017.**

**Q:** How do we find out about upcoming Christian Service Experiences?

**A:** Watch your email for periodic announcements regarding upcoming service experiences. For your convenience a partial list is given below.

**Q.** Are there any requirements needed prior to complete before choosing a Service Experience?

**A.** It is highly recommended by the Archdiocese of Detroit that young people helping with Vacation Bible School, MCREST, or Religious Education and attend the Called to Service workshop. It is available many times throughout the year and offered at parishes within the Bluewater Vicariate. Contact Mrs. Theresa Barrons for more information: 586-725-7579, ext. \*830 or TBarrons @smqoc.com.

**\*\*NOTE: Parents are responsible for transportation and for supervision if necessary.\*\***

## Upcoming Christian Service Opportunities

From time to time we will email candidates about upcoming Christian Service opportunities. Below are a few suggestions to get you started. If you have any questions contact the Religious Education office at 586-725-7579.

- Vacation Bible School:** June 26 – 30, 2017, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
pick up volunteer forms in the Religious Education office  
contact Mrs. Theresa Barrons: 586-725-7579 ext. \*830 or  
[TBarrons@smqoc.com](mailto:TBarrons@smqoc.com)
- MCREST:** July 16 – 23, 2017 Prepare meals, setup, cleanup and prepare lunches for homeless men. Watch the Luminary for details.  
Contact Mrs. Debbie Warren,  
586-725-2441 ext. \*831
- Pantry Food Distribution:** Mondays, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Contact Mrs. Debbie Warren: 586-725-2441 ext. \*831  
2017 Dates: June 26, 28  
July 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26  
August 2, 7, 9, 14, 16
- Parish Festival** August 25-27, 2017  
Youth Ministry Book Sale, contact Mrs. Theresa Barrons  
586-725-7579, ext.\*830 or [TBarrons@smqoc.com](mailto:TBarrons@smqoc.com)  
Children's Games, contact Mrs. Rose Addy, 586-949-2669 or  
[addy4@mac.com](mailto:addy4@mac.com)