

CONFIRMATION SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

SEVENTH GRADERS GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS

During the year, seventh graders will be asked to complete **at least one of St. Mary's Confirmation Group Service Project** before the end of the seventh grade year.

In the Fall there will be a meeting for 7th grade students and their parents to sign up for one of these service projects. Prior to the meeting each 7th grade family will receive a booklet describing the various service projects that they will be able to choose from. **Your service project must be selected from this booklet.**

Upon completion of the group service project each student/candidate will need to complete a **GROUP SERVICE DESCRIPTION & REFLECTION SHEET**, indicating what the student did, when, the amount of time involved, what the student learned from it, what he or she might add or do differently, the recipient of the services, and how this project is connected with Jesus and being a Christian. The completed sheet needs to be signed by a parent or supervising adult with his/her phone number for verification. The completed sheet is to be given to the religion teacher and placed in the student's Confirmation Portfolio.

These projects will hopefully bring you into a situation in which you will be working with students from schools other than your own and help you experience a sense of our faith community here in Lake Forest, i. e. St. Mary's Parish. Also the descriptions of these group service projects will give you a sense of the various kinds of service that can be done. And finally under the supervision of the Service Coordinator, you will have the help, guidance, and support of a knowledgeable adult member of our parish. This group project will have as its main purpose providing you with an experience of giving Christian service purely out of the love of Jesus Christ, and not because your school or other group requires it of you or to receive a reward or recognition.

EIGHTH GRADERS INDEPENDENT SERVICE PROJECTS

Eighth Graders as Candidates for Confirmation are expected to give a minimum of 10 hours in personally initiated service projects.

Each student/candidate will need to complete the **INDEPENDENT SERVICE DESCRIPTION & REFLECTION SHEET(S)**, indicating what the student did, when, the amount of time involved, what effect or result came from the service, how the student felt about it, what the student learned from it, what he or she might add or do differently, the recipient of the services, and how this project is connected with Jesus and being a Christian. The completed sheet needs to be signed by a parent or supervising adult with his/her phone number for verification. The completed reflection sheet(s) are to be given to the religion teacher and placed in the student's Confirmation Portfolio.