

**Eighth Grade
INDEPENDENT SERVICE PROJECTS**

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

Each student/candidate is 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.

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The kind of activities to be included as **independent service projects** may come from your experiences from the service project you participated in last year through St. Mary's or from the list of suggestions attached. You can work on these by yourself, with a friend, or a family member, or with a group. Independent service projects may include service you are involved in at your school, in scouts, at your parish, etc.

The beneficiary of the service should be some one **other than a family member**. Helping a family member should be a consequence and responsibility of being a member of a family. This is a matter of expectations within a family. But for the required service projects, you are being asked to go beyond the family, into the church, the larger community, and the world.

No particular number of projects is required. If someone wants to do only one project or another person wishes to do a dozen small projects that is not important. To give you an idea of the amount of time that shows us that you are serious in your attitude about giving service to other people and about helping/loving your neighbor, we are requiring a **minimum of 10 hours** of service during your **eighth grade** year. Ideally, students will do even more than the minimum required.

Also, you should not receive any personal monetary gain from anyone. This is a ministry and should be a nonprofit activity. You may however, collect money, or sell something to help a charitable organization.

Please complete an **INDEPENDENT SERVICE DESCRIPTION & REFLECTION SHEET** for each project.

Parent signature

date

Candidate for Confirmation signature

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