



The reason for the “Community Service” component in any confirmation preparation program is to prepare our candidates, who are deepening and responding to the faith and their life as Christians. They are called to *extend* that faith into their lives, the greater parish and their communities.

Each candidate is required to complete 3 hours of service. This part of the program helps candidates make a connection between living an active, vibrant faith and being community minded. Our candidates also discover their gifts and talents through this learning experience.

Service can mean doing volunteer work in your school community, neighborhood or parish. We encourage candidates to discuss volunteer possibilities with their parents. To assist students we have provided a list of available volunteer positions in the parish on the reverse side however candidates are not limited to service in the church alone.

Each candidate is asked to provide a 1-page essay indicating what form of volunteer service took place and what they took away from the experience. The essay should include a paragraph on their saint name, chosen from a great number of saints with the candidate’s given name. We ask that the parents sign the essay confirming that the hours and service were completed. We will be discussing this component at length at the parent meeting.

Community service, in short, teaches us about being visible signs of God’s love and witnessing to what we believe.

