



Service Hours Form

[Jesus] said: "I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it"
Diary of St. Faustina, 742

Student's Name _____
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We, as Catholics, believe in the dignity of the human being; that everyone should have not just what they need to scrape through life, but that they have what they need to thrive in life. This is at the core of one of the pillars of our faith. Through service students should gain a sense of empathy for others, leading to a desire to contribute to our community through acts of service. It will also help to develop their teamwork and leadership skills.

A minimum of **15 hours** of service are required as part of the Confirmation program each year. Students may choose how they complete these hours. Service nights will be offered so that, through the parish, students can complete six (6) hours assisting community organizations. Additionally, students may participate in parish ministries to complete additional hours. Some examples include, but are not limited to: Shadow Stations—five (5) hours, parish child care and parish events—hours will vary. Any hours outside of these parish-sanctioned opportunities can be completed at the discretion of the student's preference, keeping in mind that hours should be focused toward outreach in our community. If at any time there are questions about if service will qualify, please contact the Director of Religious Education (DRE).

Students are encouraged to understand community service requirements at their school as the hours of service may also be eligible to count toward any program the school may have in place.

Direction and Criteria

1. Bring the Service Hours Form with you and obtain the organization supervisor's signature after you fill in the first three columns. If you forget the form, please have the supervisor write a note for you, including the date(s) of service and number of hours, and then attach it to your service form.
2. Specific dates and times should be listed, not a general time period.
3. Completed Service Hours Forms should be turned in to the DRE either at the Parish Office or at the beginning of a regularly scheduled Confirmation session. Forms can be submitted throughout the year and will be retained in your personal file. Please do not wait until the last minute.
4. Extra service hours earned in one school year are appreciated, but will not be carried over to fulfil the requirement for subsequent years of the program.
5. Service hours should be volunteered time. You should not get paid for completing these hours.
6. Service hours should not be completed for a relative. Some accommodations may be made based on certain circumstances but must be discussed with, and approved by, the DRE prior to beginning any service to a relative.
7. Liturgical Ministry participation is encouraged but will **not** count toward community service hours and is a separate requirement.

Name of Organization	Date(s) of Service	Hours Worked	Supervisor Name and Signature