

Confirmation Service Activities

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is not limited to the classroom. While it is important to learn the Catholic faith, it is also important to live it. Various service activities will allow you to put your faith into action through volunteer work in our church and community.

- ◆ Find things you are interested in and make it a habit to stay involved in your church and community for the rest of your life!
- ◆ Each activity should last at least one hour.
- ◆ When you are finished with your service activities, please write about your experiences by answering the following questions:
 1. Whom did I serve?
 2. What did I most enjoy? Would I continue this service?
 3. How does this relate to the life Christ wants us to live?
- ◆ Faith in Action form and reflection are due April 11, 2018.

Faith in Action Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

	Organization Name	Date	What did you do?
Church 1			
Church 2			
Church 3			
Church 4			
Community 1			
Community 2			
Community 3			
Community 4			
Student Signature		Parent Signature	



Volunteer Ideas

Remember...you should have **8 new and different volunteer service activities each year!**

These are just a few suggestions for you to consider. Sign-up sheets or emailed messages will be provided for many of these activities or they can be done on your own, in a group, or with your family. Watch the bulletin and newspaper for these and other opportunities!

Church Service Activities:

- Help with office duties in the Parish Office
- Help set up, serve, clean up or assist in activities during various events
- Babysit during St. Mary's parish events. An adult must be present.
- Create greeting cards or gifts for new Parish members, babies being Baptized, etc.
- Bake cookies or bars for funerals or other Parish events
- Help clean and/or decorate the Church as specified times
- Attend a parish committee meeting – Knights of Columbus, Altar Society, Charity and Justice - and compile a summary of their activities. Contact for contact information and dates of these meetings.

Community Service Activities:

- Go Christmas caroling at nursing homes or retirement homes
- Participate in Salvation Army bell ringing – an adult must be present
- Start a recycling project in your school or neighborhood
- Offer to mow, shovel, clean, etc. for an elderly neighbor
- Offer to babysit for a neighbor or friend at no charge
- Adopt a highway or neighborhood and keep it clean
- Ask a teacher if you can help in the classroom, tutor another student, etc.
- Attend a meeting, ask how you can help, or interview a member of a local community service organization or compile a summary of their activities:

- Rotary Club – bismarckrotary.org
- Optimist Club – bismarckoptimist.com
- ND Right to Life – ndrl.org or teensforlife.com
- Sertoma Club – bismarcksertoma.org
- Kiwanis – bismarckkiwanis.org
- Elks Club - elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?lodge=1199, 255-1199

Make cards, fleece tie blankets or decorate pillow cases for the kids and adults served at:

- God's Child Project – godschild.org, 255-7956
- Home on the Range – gohotr.org, 701-872-3745
- Charles Hall Youth Services – charleshallyouthservices.com, 255-2773
- Carrie's Kids—carrieskids.com/volunteer.asp
- Ruth Meiers Hospitality House – rmhh.org, 222-2108
- Abused Adult Resource Center -abusedadultresourcecenter.com, 222-8370

Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy—traditional Catholic actions of service undertaken through person-to-person interaction.

Corporal (physical) Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Visit the imprisoned
5. Shelter the homeless
6. Visit the sick
7. Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Correct those who need it
2. Teach the ignorant
3. Give advice to those who need it
4. Comfort those who suffer
5. Be patient with others
6. Forgive those who hurt you
7. Pray for others