

Confirmation 2027: Service Experiences and Reflection Guidelines

Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph Catholic Church are asked to become more involved in service at school, church and in the community. As part of your sacramental preparation, please take time to experience service at St. Joseph Parish and at other events when they become available. We ask that all Confirmandi participate in three service experiences. One experience should include your Confirmation sponsor or parent. If available, try and complete service at the following locations:

- One experience at St. Joseph Catholic Church
- One experience at your school
- One experience in the larger community (Strongsville, Cleveland)

Service at home or for family members is encouraged daily. We hope that you will use Confirmation service as an opportunity to open new doors for service beyond your family. The ability to serve others should be ongoing and your experiences should never end. As a result, we do not ask for a specific number of hours. Our goal is for you to understand the need to help others always.

Confirmation Service Reflection Typed Response

Upon completion of each service experience, prepare a written response. Please include the following information and answers to the questions in your typed reflection for each experience. You do not need a signature from your contact person; however, a parent or your sponsor should sign each reflection page.

Heading your paper: include your first and last names, the date and time of service, name of and location of the service event, and the name and contact information for your service supervisor.

Paragraph One: Explain your service experience. Include a detailed description of what you were asked to do at the service experience, who benefited from your service and how you felt after completing the service project.

Paragraph Two: We know that we were made for greatness and are called to serve others. Which gifts and talents did you bring to the service experience? Why did you select this service experience? What did you learn about yourself? What did you learn about the people who worked with you?

Paragraph Three: In serving others, we are being Christ's hands and feet on earth (St. Teresa of Avila). How did this service experience bring you closer to Christ?

You may mail your reflection paper to the Faith Formation Office of St. Joseph Church or bring it with you to a Faith Night.

- Service Reflection #1 will be due on or before **November 15, 2026**
- Service Reflection #2 will be due on or before the Retreat on **January 30, 2027**
- Service Reflection #3 will be due on or before **February 21, 2027**

Expect to share your service experiences with other members of your Confirmation group when we meet in person. This means your peers will read and hear about your experiences. Make sure your reflection paper shows your best effort. Let Mrs. Zvoncheck know if you have any questions.

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