

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
SAINT CHRISTOPHER & SAINT PATRICK
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation
Service Information Packet
2018-19**



SERVICE IS FAITH IN ACTION!!

WHAT ARE SERVICE EVENTS?

They are events where you spend time sharing your love of Jesus Christ with others who may or may not be as fortunate as you are. It is your opportunity to show that you believe in Jesus and what He taught us by your actions and deeds.

WHY DO WE HAVE TO?

Jesus told us to faithfully follow the mandate of the Lord. *“And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40*

The service event is an answer to the Gospel challenge to love our neighbor as Jesus loves us. Jesus gave us many examples of loving service and helping others.

WHY DO WE DO THEM?

Because, like Jesus, we must love our neighbor and trust that God will always be there for us. To have the promise of salvation fulfilled in us, we must choose to live our faith in both word and action. *James 2:14-17- What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works. Can the faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

7th and 8th graders are required to participate in **10 service events EACH year** which must be completed before May 1st of 8th grade. A minimum of 5 events MUST be church events. Confirmation Folders will be collected and reviewed during the student’s last day of CCD. **For events completed in the church, students must sign in at the event.** Students that do not sign in will NOT be given credit for the service event (there will be no exceptions). **For community (such as school, town, etc.) events completed, students must submit a Service Reflection Sheet for each event.** Students can access the Service Reflection Sheet on our website www.chrispatparish.com under the Faith Formation Tab and store in safe place until 8th grade distribution of the Confirmation Folders.

Community Service Events

Must have at **least** 2 different service experiences.

Suggested areas are:

- Town/City community
- School community
- County community
- National organizations

Examples: volunteer in hospitals, veteran associations, soup kitchens, nursing homes, Scouting or organization events that help others.

Church Services Events

Must have at **least** 2 different service experiences.

Suggested Areas are:

- Ministry Participation
- WIRED Sponsored Events
- Special Events
- Other assistance around the Church

Examples: altar servers, lectors, help keep the church and facilities clean, volunteer in rectory office, assist catechists, and help with fundraising events..



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*Service Event Reflection Sheet***

To be completed for each community event

Candidate Name _____

Organization where services was completed _____

Name or description of service completed _____

Date of service _____

Comments from Supervisor: _____

Signature of Supervisor: _____ Phone: _____

What service did you complete: _____

How has this service helped you live out your faith? _____

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Wisdom is our ability to value spiritual things over worldly ones. It enables us to desire the things of God and correctly order the things in our life. This gift helps us view the world through God's perspective and the light of our faith. It instills a desire to contemplate the things of God.



Understanding helps us grasp the truths of the faith more easily and profoundly. Our human intellect cannot grasp all of God's mysteries, but through the gift of understanding we can be led to truth, even when we do not fully comprehend. This gift strengthens our insight through prayer, scripture, and the sacraments.



Right Judgment/Counsel acknowledges the difference between right and wrong and bestows proper judgment. A person with right judgment avoids sin and leads a life for Christ. Counsel inspires us to speak up and encourage others to do the correct thing. It bestows upon us prudence, allowing us to act promptly and rightly in the face of difficult situations.



Courage sustains our decision to follow the will of God in any situation. It allows us to stand up and defend our faith, even when threatened by bodily injury or death. This gift allows us to be steadfast in our decisions to do well and to endure evil even when we do not want to.



Knowledge is awareness to God's plan. It is not simply an accumulation of facts but rather an understanding of God's purpose and how we ought to respond. Knowledge helps bring to light temptations and to discern whether to give in or live a life worthy of God's approval.



Reverence is our obedience to God and our willingness to serve him. It is not just obedience through a sense of duty but rather obedience out of love and devotion. It facilitates a deeper respect for God and the Church.



Wonder and awe makes us aware of the glory and majesty of God. This gift is also synonymous with "Fear of the Lord", in which we dread sin and fear offending God. We fear displeasing God and losing our connection with him. Wonder and awe increases our desire to draw closer to God and depart from sin.