

Confirmation 2019-2020
An Introduction to Community Service

Dear Confirmation Candidate,

Welcome to an introduction to community service. As your Parish Outreach Coordinator I am happy that you are joining the many members of our parish community who serve the homeless, hungry, elderly, and young children. Each experience has several components that help to make it meaningful for those who are served, for the candidate, for the Confirmation Class as well as for the Parish Community. The components are as follows:

1. Each experience serves as an **introduction to service** that the candidate will hopefully choose to repeat as a young adult member of our parish community
2. Each experience provides **direct contact** with those in need
3. Each experience is **documented** by pictures and a written reflection
4. There will be an opportunity to be a Christian **witness to peers** and to the **Parish Community**

The following approximate time frame and descriptions might be helpful in completing the components during this busy year.

- **Part I - Summer 2019 – Serve, Reflect , Email**

No later than one week after completing your service experience – Email the first draft of your reflection to annie@saintgeorgesparish.org. We will revise it together through an on line conversation to assure that this composition includes all that is necessary;

1. Your feeling as you began the experience.
2. The first name of a person you met (if possible)
3. The advice about life you received from that person
4. Your feeling as you completed or reflected back on this experience.
5. A description of one small way you have decided to continue to “live your faith as a disciple of Jesus” this year.

The final draft of your presentation should be completed and accepted in order to proceed with the next parts of the Confirmation Preparation Program.

- **Part II - Fall 2019 - Presentation to Parish** - On the weekend of October 5/ 6, 2019 your presentations to the parish will take place through a display in the alcove of the parish hall. Please bring the display board with your typed presentation on it, as well as pictures of your service which can be found in your class “flicker” site. This is due by 3:00 PM on October 5.
- **Part III – Fall 2019 into Winter 2020, Presentation to Peers** – This is a reading of your 3 minute reflection to your peers. Presentations to your peers begin at the first Mass/Class session on October 27, 2019.

Here are a few brief descriptions of the types of experiences you will choose from and sign-up for at the first Confirmation meeting on June 9, 2019. Similar experiences, at similar locations, with June, July and August dates, will be available at that time.

The Mustard Seed - This experience is an opportunity to respond to Christ’s call to “feed the hungry”. You will help to donate, prepare and serve a meal to more than 150 homeless guests at the Mustard Seed - 93 Piedmont Street in Worcester. The service is scheduled for Friday July 19th, 3:30 till 6:30 PM. Please make and bring Cole slaw for 25 people. (Fill a 10x 13 aluminum pan -recipes can be found on line) This food should be made, by the student, at home and brought with you. You are to be brought in and picked up at the Mustard Seed by your family. When we arrive at the Mustard Seed, we will prepare the rest of the meal which is donated by the parish.

Interfaith Hospitality Network – This experience is for Confirmation Candidates who are interested in being part of hosting, doing a children’s project, donating, gardening and /or serving a meal with 6 homeless families at the Interfaith Hospitality family shelter at 91 June Street in Worcester. The time of service is from 5:30 PM until 8:30 PM, June 24 to 29. You are to be brought in and picked up there by your family. Please bring your favorite homemade dessert to share.

St. George Vacation Bible Camp – Jesus always welcomed the little children. Following his example, this experience is for candidates who are interested in working with young children from our parish (ages 6 to 11 years) on selected dates and times - July 29 till Aug 1 - during the hours of 9AM and 12N. You will join in the fun as we learn more about our faith together.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick - Jesus comforted and healed the sick. As followers of Jesus we reach out to the sick and offer this Sacrament of healing at St. George Church in Early August 2019, date TBA, from 10AM till 1PM. This experience is for candidates who will attend this healing service and welcome, assist and serve a light meal to approximately 50 parishioners.

Ongoing Community Service or Special Interest Experiences -These experiences are possibilities if they include all the necessary components described above. We will need the description written up, emailed and agreed upon before the June 9th sign-up date.

I look forward to serving with you,

Mrs. Doyle, Parish Outreach Coordinator (508) 450-4134