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Due: May 1, 2019

Serving Our Families and Our Parish Community in 9th Grade

Seeing Christ in Those We Serve

As a Confirmation candidate, you are preparing to assume the role of witness for Christ in your family, in the Catholic Church (especially within your parish community) and in the world (especially within your community).

Directions: During your first year preparing for Confirmation, you are required to find meaningful, quality ways to serve the domestic church (your family) and the Catholic Church (the Parish Community of St. Joseph).

- Your service should be unpaid.
- Your service should be connected to prayer. Ask God how he is calling you, pray for those whom you serve, etc.
- You should serve in ways that you do not normally serve, in order to let God stretch you and show you what He can do through you. *(For example, if you are normally expected to do the dishes at home, then you should also serve in another way at home.)*

Because service is lifelong and never completed, there are no specific requirements for the number of service hours or events. A strong effort for meaningful and quality service needs to be shown through your thoughtful responses to the following questions. If the quality of the service you completed is in doubt, you will receive follow-up questions from the Coordinator of the Confirmation program. You need to serve in MORE THAN ONE way for each section.

Before you begin serving, please take some time to reflect...

What are some gifts that God has given you? (For example, are you a good listener? Are you organized? Do you like to plan events? Are you athletic or do you have some musical talent?)

How do you serve your family currently? Our parish? What are some new ways that you could use them to serve your family and parish community? Do you see a need here not being met?

Spend some time in prayer asking God how He is calling you to serve.

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Serving Your Family: Write a paragraph below describing in detail how you served your family this summer. (Remember, if you are already expected to do something like unload the dishwasher, you'll need to serve your family in another way. Besides serving your immediate family, serving your family could include items like watching younger cousins or helping elderly relatives with yard work.) What did you like most about serving your family? What was most difficult? How did you see or experience God through your service? Be specific in what exactly you did and what it was like.

Service Opportunities at the Parish Community of St. Joseph

*Please note that this list is not exhaustive. Further opportunities will be presented to students throughout the school year through email and announced at On the Rock.

Liturgical Ministries – contact Mary Bur at 544-3352 ext 106 or mbur@stjosephparish.com

Projectionist, Soundboard, Music Ministry, Lector at the 6pm Mass

Vacation Bible School—week after school is out

Respect Life Committee – contact Val Poppe at val_poppe@yahoo.com

Parish Fall Festival (November 10)

Concessions (This is the responsibility of High School Youth Ministry. You can sign-up for a shift at On the Rock), clean up,

Parish Nursery – contact the Parish Office

Elementary Faith Formation—Mary Greving at 763-544-3352 ext 111 or mgreving@stjosephparish.com

Help with the Christmas Pageant/ assist in a classroom

Serving the Parish: Write a paragraph below describing in detail how you served this parish during the 2018-2019 school year. What did you like about serving and what was difficult? How did you see or experience God through your service? Be specific in what exactly you did and what it was like.

Write a prayer for this parish below, especially for those you served:

Service Opportunities in the Greater Community

NEW THIS YEAR—9th and 10th grade youth are required to participate in one service event sponsored by the parish. Suitable events: Kidpack (Thursdays throughout the year), Super Service Saturday (October 13 or June –date TBD), Feed My Starving Children Mega Pack (Late February), and the 30 Hour Fast (March 8 &9).

Serving the Larger Community: Write a paragraph below describing in detail how you served the larger community during this school year. What did you like most about serving? What was most difficult? How did you see or experience God through your service? Be specific in what exactly you did and what it was like.

Write a prayer for those that you served in the community below:

Before you turn this packet in on May 1, 2019 take some time to reflect on your service by answering the following questions.

On a scale of 1 (poor) - 10 (best), how would you rate your service to the Lord this school year?
Why?

What is one thing you learned through your service?

If you had to do this over again, what would you do differently next time?

What are two ways to serve that you have not tried but would like to try in the future?

Parents: How did you witness your young people serve this past year? Was their service effective?

Parent Signature: _____