

Confirmation 2009

Service Information

*"... The Cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble
worker in the vineyard of the Lord..."*

Pope Benedict XVI

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Dear Parents/Guardians of our 2009 Confirmation Candidates,

Christian love is manifested in service to other people. Jesus came as one who serves. A vital part of the candidates' preparation for living a full Christian life is developing a habit of service. Since service to others and sharing one's gifts and talents with the community is part of the Christian lifestyle, Confirmation candidates are asked to begin a life-long journey of service as part of their preparation for the sacrament.

I have included in this packet some possibilities for service opportunities. Please look this over, consider your schedule and see what would be a good fit for you and your child. Consider their gifts and talents before making a decision. We are in much need of our Confirmation candidates to help out right here on our parish campus and ask that you consider these options first ----- we need the help! If you have another idea outside of the parish, please write that under the "Community Service and Other Ideas" section. When you decide what service(s) will best fit your child, family, and schedules, please return the commitment form to the Religious Education Office. This should be received no later than August 15, 2008 so that we can plan for those candidates who will help in our programs.

We are asking Confirmation candidates to perform about 26 hours of service. We realize that service to the church is **never** about completing a required number of hours and then you are finished, however, out of fairness, we want to make sure all candidates have equally served. Attached is a form that we are asking to be returned to us by April 1, 2009 explaining what you did as your Confirmation service and how many hours you volunteered.

Former Confirmation candidates have told me that they really enjoyed their work with our Parish programs, senior citizens, children with disabilities and food banks, to name just a few. We hope that this is just the beginning of a life of service for all of our Confirmation candidates. We would be happy to discuss Confirmation service at any time so please do not hesitate to call the Religious Education Office if you have any questions.

May God bless you!

Mrs. Julie Plymer

Coordinator of Religious Education

**Confirmation Service Opportunities
2009 Commitment Form**

Name _____

Please return this form with your service option choice(s) by August 15, 2008.

I have decided to choose the following as Confirmation Service(s) here at SMG:

_____ Little Church School aid - Little Church School is during the 9:30 AM Mass on Sundays. The service time will be 9:10 to approximately 11:00 on Sunday mornings, September through April. You would be committed through the PREP year. **This does not satisfy your obligation to attend Mass!!**

_____ PREP Aide - Helping PREP teachers with younger grades. This is during the PREP school year that runs September through the last week in April. You would be committed to the entire PREP year. Please choose 1st & 2nd choice:

____Mondays from 5:00 to 6:15

____Mondays from 6:45 to 8:00

____Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:15

____Tuesdays from 6:45 to 8:00

_____ Altar Server

_____ Cone Helpers - Two who attend a 5:00 session will come at 4:30 to put out the cones along the front of the building and two who attend a 6:45 class will stay and put the cones away before they go home.

_____ Retreat Helpers - Help is needed the night before the First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation retreats to set up Drexel Hall and/or classrooms. Help is also needed the mornings of the First Penance and First Communion retreats from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, dates to be determined.

_____ Parish Picnic - Help set up & clean up. You would contact those who plan this event.

_____ Rosary Making - Rosaries are made during the year to be distributed to the second grade children at their First Penance celebration.

_____ Community Service and Other Ideas - Please describe below:

My Confirmation Service

Name _____

In the space below tell us a little about your Confirmation service/services and how many hours you volunteered. You can refer to page 37 in the *Christ Our Life, Confirmed in the Spirit* textbook and complete some or all of the statements listed under "For Confirmation: Practicing Christian Service."

My son/daughter has completed the above services.

Parent Signature _____