

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ROC)

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION ON SERVICE PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The service requirement must be fulfilled through participation in service projects instead of through completion of service hours. A true spirit of service is not just about accumulating a certain number of service hours or completing a certain number of projects, but instead is about the desire to help others.

Youth should never be paid for Service or expect to receive an award. The hope is that through participation in service projects, the youth will grow to incorporate service to others as an important part of their Catholic faith.

A service project is not something like simply donating food or clothing, picking up someone's mail, babysitting, or doing family chores (although these are all good things to do!). A service project involves a time commitment and significant investment of oneself and benefits others in our parish and community. It should stress and incorporate Catholic Social Teachings and Works of Mercy.

St. Paul Youth Ministry offers several accepted service opportunities throughout the year, as listed below. We encourage participation in these service events both during the Confirmation preparation years and in years to come.

- ◆ Hike for Life - September/October
- ◆ Fall Festival - October
- ◆ Women's Guild Bazaar & Bake Sale - November
- ◆ Men's Club Breakfast with Santa - December
- ◆ Mission Possible - June
- ◆ Vacation Bible School - June or July
- ◆ SPYCO Work Camp - July
- ◆ Mission trip (High School) - June/July/August

If doing service projects that are not SPYM sponsored:

- *SPS students ~ please ask your teacher, Mrs Cathy Quattrochi, to approve project before doing the service.*
- *FF students ~ or please ask FF director, Mrs. Beckie Soto, to approve project before doing the service.*
- *Or Youth Minister, Kim Garza, for pre-approval.*

If not pre-approved by them, it will not be accepted.

Information will be made available on additional service opportunities.

Service Projects forms are located at the St. Paul Parish Youth Ministry website and Ms Quattrochi will also have copies. When only sign-up is needed, please contact the Faith Formation/Youth Ministry office, (972) 235-2598.

The MINIMUM Service requirements for Confirmation is 4 service projects by the candidate alone and 1 service project with a sponsor, a total of 5 service projects. These need to be done in a timely manner as follows:

- ❖ 1st year Confirmation must complete at least 2 service projects by the end of their 1st year, plus an additional service project with his/her sponsor.
- ❖ 2nd year Confirmation must complete 2 more service projects by the end of their 2nd year, plus an additional service project with his/her sponsor - if this has not been done. All 5 required service projects must be completed by the end of summer of their 2nd year.
- ❖ 3rd year Confirmation should have all 5 Service Projects completed, with the service project reports submitted to the Youth Ministry Office before the start of the new school year.

After completing a Service Project, please fill out the Service Project Report form and submit it to your Faith Formation teacher. Your teacher will review it and then turn it in to the Youth Ministry Office for record-keeping.

If needing more information on Confirmation Service Projects, please contact:

SPS students ~ Mrs Quattrochi at the school or c.quattrochi@spsdfw.org
FF students ~ Beckie Soto at (972) 235-2598 or Beckie@saintpaulchurch.org
or Kimberly Garza at (972) 235-2598 kimberly@saintpaulchurch.org

Thank you.

"Through the evidence of this service, you are glorifying God ... " 2 Corinthians 9: 13