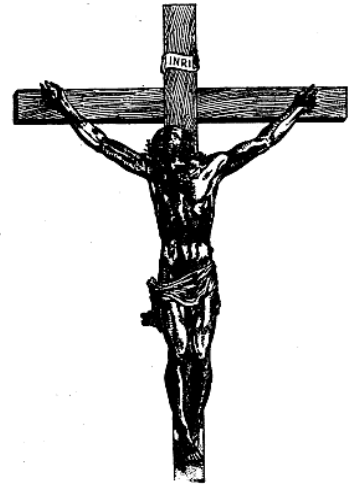


Confirmation Service Projects — Spring 2023



This year we will have our confirmation candidates focus on **(1) a Service-At-Home Challenge (2) Parish Service Project that serves the church, and (3) a Neighborhood / Community Service Project.** Candidates will submit this paper for initial approval of their Service-At-Home Projects by **March 6th.** Final Service Projects and Reflections are due by **Monday, April 24th.**

Service-at-Home Challenge

The inspiration for this service at Home Project came from the book *Failing Forward: Leadership Lessons for Catholic Teens Today* by Alan Migliorato and Darryl Dziedzic. Failing Forward hinges on the idea that facing challenges and overcoming adversity is the only way to grow strong, to learn skills, and develop character. A challenge gives a person mental, emotional, and spiritual strength. We have asked our confirmation candidates to complete a Service-at-Home Challenge, the goal of which is to help the youth to grow mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. We aim at exercising and training their muscles of virtue to help them grow in selflessness, generosity, and love of God and their neighbor.

Instructions:

1. Confirmation candidates will decide on a specific Service-at-Home Challenge after talking with their parents and will submit their challenge idea with their parent's signature on **Monday, March 6th.**
2. Candidates will turn in a written reflection of their Service-At-Home Project and all other Service Projects to either Sister Anne Elise or Miss Sullivan by **Monday, April 24th.**

How to Decide on a Service-at-Home Challenge:

Parents will decide on a challenge to give to their teen at home. This challenge must be something that will benefit/help the rest of the family (for example, the challenge cannot be for the teen to clean their own room, paint their own room, or make their own lunch)

Recommended Challenge: Planning, Preparing, and Serving Family Dinner

We recommend having your child plan, prepare, and serve family dinner as their challenge, however, if you have a household project (a project in the garden/backyard, painting the house/family room, etc.—something that will help the family), you may have your child do that as a Service-at-Home Challenge.

I have discussed with my parents and my Service-at-Home Challenge will be:

I commit to completing this Service-at-Home Challenge and turning in the Service Projects Reflection Page by Monday, April 24th.

Teen Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Service-At-Home Challenge — Serving Your Parents and Family

Date	Service Provided	Parent's Signature

Describe what you and your parents decided would be your Service-at-Home Challenge. What project did you do at home?

How did this serve and help your family?

Was there anything difficult or challenging about this experience? How did you overcome the problem/difficulty?

Did you learn something new through this experience? How did this challenge help you to grow in your abilities?

How did this experience help you grow in your relationship with mom and/or dad?

How can you take what you learned and use this moving forward to help others?

“If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.”

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

Parish Service Project — Serving Your Church Family

Date	Service Provided	Supervisor's Signature

Which of the corporal and/or spiritual works of mercy did this service project entail?

List the gifts you shared (time, listening, strength, a smile, a talent, etc.):

Expand on at least one thing this service experience taught you about yourself, others, and/or God:

Community Service Project — Serving Your Neighbors and Community

Date	Service Provided	Supervisor's Signature

How did you make an impact on those you served?

How did this service project or the people you served make an impact on you?

Expand on at least one thing this service experience taught you about yourself, others, and/or God:

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the Hungry
Welcome the Stranger
Clothe the naked
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead
Give drink to the thirsty

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Console the sorrowful
Admonish the sinner
Forgive all injuries
Pray for the living and the dead
Bear wrongs patiently