

CONFIRMATION SERVICE - Levels One & Two (Confirmation 2022)

Dear Confirmation Parents/Candidate:

You are probably aware that preparation for Confirmation includes service to others. Service at St. Clare is not based on accumulating hours of service but on the *quality* of the service.

Good sense and your exposure to the teaching of Christ should leave no doubt in your minds that service is not something that should be done only to fulfill a requirement to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Service is an important part of Confirmation preparation but is an important part of our daily Christian lives and should be done, *as part of who we are in Christ's community* beginning in our youngest years. *Even the smallest child can do something for someone else.* Service should be an attitude, a way of life.

Service should also *teach us* and like so many lessons it is best learned in, with and through *community*. Service can be performed which benefits our *family, community, Church and/or school*.

Level 1 Service we ask you to choose a Corporal Work of Mercy. **Level 2 Service** (cannot be submitted until Level 2 preparation begins) we ask you to choose a Spiritual Work of Mercy.

To assist you, St. Clare of Assisi Parish's Office of Sacrament Preparation will strive to provide some service opportunities. These are opportunities, not mandatory. If you are unsure about a service, please contact the office to confirm that the service is appropriate.

Confirmation Service is separate and in addition to any service done for the Visions program or Catholic School requirements.

A service is not considered complete until the Service Journal has been filled out and submitted by your child in their own handwriting.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

1. **To feed the hungry:** "For I was hungry and you gave me to eat." Mt. 25:35
2. **To give drink to the thirsty:** "...I was thirsty and you gave me to drink..." Mt. 25:35
3. **To clothe the naked:** "I was...naked and you clothed me..." Mt. 25:36
4. **To visit the imprisoned:** "I was in prison and you came to me." Mt. 25:36
5. **To shelter the homeless:** "...I was a stranger and you took me in..." Mt. 25:35
6. **To visit the sick:** "...I was sick and you cared for me..." Mt. 25:36
7. **To bury the dead:** "Amen, I say to you, insofar as you did it for one of these least of my brothers, you did it for me." Mt. 25:40

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. **To admonish the sinner:** "...there will be more joy in Heaven at the repentance of one sinner than at ninety-nine of the righteous who had no need of repentance." Lk. 15:7
2. **To instruct the ignorant:** "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation." Mk. 16:1
3. **To counsel the doubtful:** "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you...Let not your hearts be troubled..." Jn. 14:27
4. **To comfort the sorrowful:** "Come to me, all you grown weary and burdened, and I will refresh you." Mt. 11:28
5. **To bear wrongs patiently:** "...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you." Lk. 6:27-28
6. **To forgive all injuries:** "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Mt. 6:12
7. **To pray for the living & the dead:** "Father, I desire that they, too, may be with me where I am..." Jn. 17:24

Embrace service opportunities, embrace your Catholic Faith and in doing so embrace Christ's mercy which He gives so freely.

