

Due September 1, 2024

Confirmation Preparation Guide for Confirmation Candidates



*St. Joan of Arc
Office of Religious Education*

*Please read through this entire packet before you begin so that you have a thorough understanding of what you are being asked to do.

When we are Baptized, usually as babies, our parents and godparents take on the baptismal promises on our behalf. When we are Confirmed, we are renewing those promises and taking them on ourselves. We are all called to "bear witness to the Christian faith in words and deeds" - this means that what we do and what we say must reflect that we are following Jesus. In preparing for Confirmation, you will be asked to do something which is a purposeful example of what it is to follow Jesus.

What you need to do

All Confirmandi must offer 10 hours of service in order to fulfill this part of preparation for the sacrament. The last page of this packet is a service log which you will need to have signed by the adult who supervises the activity/activities you do.

You may choose to concentrate all of your hours into a project, or you may choose to perform multiple acts of service which total 10 hours. Of course, you are welcomed to go beyond the 10 hours if you'd like or if your project requires it.

In order to decide what to do for your service, you can think about how you can follow Jesus by serving, or helping, other people. You may want to think about what your gifts, talents, interests and abilities are, and find a way to combine them with your faith. For example, if you are good at a certain subject in school you may offer to tutor a younger child who is having difficulty in that area. *You may also want to think about the saint whose name you are choosing and find inspiration in that person's life.*

A good way to get started thinking about how you can live your faith is to think about the spiritual and corporal works of mercy; one of the reflection questions requires/asks that you relate the works of mercy to your service, so please read and review the following very carefully. We ask that you incorporate one of more of the below into your Confirmation project:

The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** are loving deeds that fulfill the needs of other people.

- † Help others do what is right
 - † Teach the ignorant
- † Give advice to the doubtful
 - † Comfort those who suffer
 - † Be patient with others
 - † Forgive injuries
- † Pray for the living and the dead

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are ways we show respect for people and can care for the physical needs of others.

- † Feed the hungry
- † Give drink to the thirsty
- † Give clothing to the poor
- † Visit those in prison
- † Shelter the homeless
 - † Visit the sick
- † Pray for those who have died

Please note: It is important that you discuss your chosen service/project with a parent/s before you make any plans. They, and your sponsor, can also be helpful to you in deciding what to do.

Reflecting on Your Service

See the "Confirmation Preparation Reflection" pages. This is to be completed when you are finished with your project. **This paperwork is due by September 1, 2024.**

It is a good idea to read through these questions before you begin your project so that you can think of them while performing your service.

If you have any questions, make sure you ask your catechist or ask a parent to call the Religious Education Office.

Important!

Remember that even though your formal classes may end after this year, Confirmation is just the beginning of living as a disciple of Jesus Christ. This preparation, in addition to what you will learn and have learned in class, will help you discover how you can serve Jesus in your own unique and special way. May God bless you this year as you prepare for this beautiful sacrament!

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St. Joan of Arc Church, Marlton

Name of Confirmation Candidate: _____

Confirmation service log sheet must be completed and attached to this form.

* Which of the corporal and/or spiritual works of mercy did you see in the activity/activities you did as part of your service?

* How do you think this service part of your Confirmation preparation helped you prepare for the sacrament?

* What parts of this did you like best of your service and why? What were the most difficult parts and why?

*Talk about at least one part of doing your project that helped you understand what it means to follow Jesus.



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Confirmation Service Hours

Please attach to Confirmation Preparation Reflection sheet before handing in

Name of Confirmation Candidate: _____

<u>Date</u>	<u>Serviced Performed</u>	<u># of Hours</u>	<u>Name/Contact Info of Adult Supervisor</u>	<u>Signature of Supervisor</u>