

# SERVICE TO OTHERS: HAVING A GRATEFUL HEART

HOURS DUE & REFLECTION DUE: MAY 1

The Confirmation Preparation Program encourages the Candidates for Confirmation to stretch their comfort zones and grow in humbleness and gratitude.

Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez, OP, has said that our task as Christians is to transform the world through love and justice. And, only one kind of person transforms the world spiritually—to achieve this we must have grateful hearts.

To serve, then, is a true gift for both the recipient and the giver. It is important not only to listen and understand the Word of God, but also to apply the lessons learned. This is essential to living as a Christian and following Jesus' footsteps.

The connection between Confirmation and service is this: That each confirmed Christian has a calling and a responsibility to serve as a living example of Jesus' teachings – to serve one another with humbleness. God calls us to serve and we say, "Here I am, Lord!"

## Guidelines & Requirements:

1. 20 Hours and the reflection are due on or before the weekend of May 1.
2. It is the Candidate's responsibility to fulfill the requirements of this project
3. Service should reflect work done beyond the usual chores and duties done at home
4. Service should be directed to people, i.e. **human-to-human interaction**
5. Service should not have any financial compensation.
6. Service should be done with a generous and willing spirit.

## Reflection Questions and Guidelines:

1. What was/were your service project(s)? - 1 paragraph
2. **Describe** your experience(s). Was it a new experience?
3. Was it difficult/easy? Do you think you made a difference?
4. What did you learn about yourself and others in doing these projects?
5. Has this service experience enhanced your understanding of Confirmation?
6. In what ways did you see God in your experience?

## How to Send:

1) **Preferred Method:** Email reflection in the body of the email and scan Service to Others log to [secretary@olph.net](mailto:secretary@olph.net)

**Subject line:** Service Hours and Reflection for "Candidate Name"

Good grammar and writing are expected. PDFs are acceptable. Avoid Word attachments or other formats.

2) Drop off in the Parish Office

3) Mail to OLPH. Attention: Parish Secretary