

Report on Confirmation Stewardship Project

*** Please note:** Activities not specifically listed on the service projects list provided by the Religious Ed Office are subject to approval by the Religious Education Coordinator. Please speak to your catechist or the Coordinator prior to submitting any unapproved hours.

- One hour, minimum, of service within the Catholic Church is required per candidate's freshman and sophomore year (for a total of at least 2 hours prior to candidate receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.)
- One hour, minimum, of spiritual enrichment is required per candidate's freshman and sophomore year (for a total of 2 hours prior to candidate receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.)
- A minimum of 10 service hours is required prior to the end of candidate's freshman year of religious education, in April (candidate may complete and submit all 20 service hours during freshman year.)
- A minimum of 20 service hours are required altogether, prior to candidate receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- This form must be completed by the Confirmation candidate, in its entirety, in order for service hours to be accepted.

This form's to be completed and signed by Confirmation candidate with the exception of parent or project supervisor's signature.

Student name: _____

Type of Service: Church Community Spiritual Enrichment

Date(s) of service: _____

Hours spent on project: _____

Did you verify that the service or spiritual enrichment you are submitting is listed on the "List of projects for Confirmation Stewardship Hours"? Yes ___ No ___ **If this is not a pre-approved service you will need to visit with the Religious Education Coordinator when you submit it.**

Where did you volunteer? _____

What exactly did you do? _____

*Was your Confirmation sponsor present and able to accompany you during this project? ___Yes / No___

*This is by no means required, it is encouraged for sponsors to take part in service projects with Confirmation candidate.

Why did you choose to do this for service hours?

As a Catholic Christian we are called to the virtue of charity. Charity means loving God above all others and loving our neighbors as we do ourselves. Do you feel that this particular service project provided an opportunity for you to be charitable towards God and others? How?

Would you volunteer in the future if you were not required to? Yes _____ No _____

Signature of parent or person in charge of project _____

Confirmation candidate signature _____

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List of projects for Confirmation Stewardship Hours

A minimum of ten service hours (*which will include a minimum of one hour of community service, one hour of a church service project and one hour of spiritual enrichment*) are required by the end of your freshman year of religion, in April. You may complete all twenty service hours within your freshman year **(By March of your sophomore year you will need to submit a minimum of 2 hours in each area plus any additional hours for a total of 20 hours.)**

The service hours you submit must have been performed without pay. (Small gifts are okay. For example: food or a coupon for an item worth \$5 or less.)

What does NOT count as stewardship hours:

Fundraising for personal benefit (CYO, sports or other extra-curricular activities), helping your parents, or siblings around the house or on the farm and helping fundraise for businesses does not count toward service hours.

You can start earning service hours as early as Lent of your 8th grade year.

Any service hours not listed below must be approved by the Coordinator of Religious Education.

---This list is not inclusive of all acceptable service hours. ---

Community service projects

- Organize or help with a neighborhood cleanup. (City wide clean-up in Victoria takes place in the fall and spring)
- Perform a job, offer service to those in need and **without pay.**
- Visit the elderly at home or those in nursing home (visiting grandparents does not count)
- Bake for an individual in need (elderly, injured, widowed, grieving, etc.)
- Write letters to government officials about justice issues.
- Assist in delivering meals on wheels for the shut-ins.
- Help a teacher with a special project after school.
- Gather items to donate to Ellis County Community Assistance Center (Assist with Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat)
- Assist with Special Olympics
- Volunteer time at the ARC thrift shop (in Hays).
- Tutor younger children
- Assist younger children with sports or in a sports program
- Assist with Kindergarten Round-up

Spiritual enrichment

Attending Sunday Mass, Mass on a Holy Day of Obligation along, and Eucharistic Adoration during religious education class does not count as Spiritual Enrichment

- Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) (*Excluding Eucharistic Adoration held on wednesday night during religion.*)
- Attend "Pray for our Nation" on a Tuesday evening at the Basilica of St. Fidelis
- Attend a retreat or group study (Confirmation retreat excluded)
- Attend a parish mission retreat
- Attend Jr. CYO Rock Springs camp (held during the summer every year for 6th-8th graders *(4 hours earned)*)
- National Catholic Youth Conference *(18 hours earned)*
- Attend Stations of the Cross during Lent *(30 minutes for each Friday)*

Church service projects

- Greeter *(max 4 hrs for entire year – each Mass you greet counts as 15-30 minutes, depending on what time you arrive)*
- Mass server – without receiving stipend *(max 4 hrs for entire year – each Mass you serve counts as 1 hour of church service. Servers arrive 15 minutes early to prepare and offer assistance to sacristan then remain after, if needed, to assist sacristan in addition to serving.)*
- Lead the rosary before Mass
- Help clean the church and or cemetery yards.
- Volunteer in the Religious Education office, St. Fidelis Thrift Shop or with Summer Lunch Program
- Assist with the Liturgy of the Word for Pre-school on Sunday's
- Help at Church booths at Fidelisfest and/or Herzogfest
- Assist with Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, Christian Mother's events/meals
- Assist with set-up and/or break down of nativity at St. Boniface
- Prayer and Action (local missionary work)
- Assist with tri-parish summer Vacation Bible School *(max 18 hours)*
- Carry the Crucifix during Stations of the Cross (every Friday during Lent at St. Fidelis)