

Confirmation Preparation

8th grade (Year 3) Specifics

St. Anne's Parish, Oswego, IL

Be Sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

Wisdom

Right Judgement

Knowledge



Courage

Understanding

Reverence

Wonder & Awe

Confirmation: 2nd Sacrament of Initiation

Confirmation is a “sacramental journey of Theology.” It was around 500 A.D. when baptism and confirmation were separated, and then in 1200 A.D. when it was postponed until age 7. Prior to 500 A.D. the community priest baptized the adult and when the bishop was able to come around to the towns, he would “confirm” (strengthen) and “seal in” the Baptism. As times changed, so too has this Sacrament which has undergone much scrutiny by popes, bishops, priests, and lay people alike.

Unlike the typical understanding of this sacrament of initiation, the purpose of a Confirmation is *NOT saying a person is a mature adult in the church who can now make choices about whether to come to Mass or not*. Nor is it to test our knowledge about the Church. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit seals and strengthens the gifts ALREADY present in a student through baptism. Yet, this Sacrament offers a fuller opportunity to live out these **gifts of the Holy Spirit**: *wonder & awe, reverence, right judgment, knowledge, wisdom, understanding, & courage*. During the journey towards Confirmation, individuals also learn about the **fruits of the Holy Spirit** to better live those in their lives: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

The current Theology of this Sacrament is to encourage the Confirmandi (and those present through the whole process) to reclaim membership and ownership of the Church and the community they joined at Baptism. And, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1303, the following are the 5 Spiritual effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- 1) **Child of God:** It roots us more deeply as children of God
- 2) **Closer to Christ:** It unites us more firmly to our Savior Jesus Christ
- 3) **Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** It increases the gifts of the Spirit in us
- 4) **Fully Catholic:** it renews our bond with the Catholic Church more perfect
- 5) **Defend the Faith:** It gives us a special strength to spread and defend the faith as true witnesses of Jesus Christ

If Confirmation is the 2nd Sacrament of Initiation, what is the 3rd? Ironically, it is the Sacrament we receive 2nd and celebrate every single Sunday – Eucharist! It is through Mass and receiving Eucharist that the faithful are nourished and strengthened. We are transformed into a more loving and united community of believers each week! In Confirmation, students simply strengthen their commitment to the community to which they already belong. It is also a parish community celebration to provide an opportunity for members of the parish family to renew their baptismal commitment.

So the journey for students seeking Confirmation is to deepen their faith by:

-  Inviting them to be aware of the Holy Spirit’s action and presence in their lives
-  Allowing them to recognize their unique gifts and talents
-  Providing an atmosphere which allows students to understand their life mission and calling proclaimed centuries ago in the Gospel

For those preparing for Confirmation

8th Grade DASH REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Faithful commitment to the St. Anne's faith community through active participation in and weekly presence at Mass
- 2) **Attendance** at 8th grade DASH sessions
Adhere to attendance policy in the 2017-2018 RE Family Handbook to be found online
- 3) **Completion of** any assignments; Faith Creed; monthly Sponsor Conversation sheets; End of year letter requesting Confirmation & Saint report; and a true commitment to personal prayer time
- 4) **DISCIPLESHIP HOURS:** Works of Mercy or Catholic Social Teaching projects totaling *at least* **16 hours**
 - a) Focus on enacting one or more of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy
 - b) **OR**, if you need more options, you can choose to look into and live out any of our 7 Catholic Social Teaching themes

****After each project is done a reflection sheet should be completed. (NOTE: *multiple hours can be for one project or at one agency. One project/place = one reflection page.*)** Reflection sheets should be attached to 8th grade log and turned in at the end of the year with the log. *However*, if it is easier to turn in reflection sheets as they are completed, that can happen. Students will turn these into their DASH leader or the RE Office.**
- 5) **FAITH BOOSTERS:** *For 2017 – 2018 8th graders*
One Faithbooster is due **at the first session for each month** from ***November – April***, for a total of 6. (DUE: 2017 dates Nov 5, Dec 3; 2018 dates: Jan 7; Feb 11; March 4; April 8) Upon completion, a short reflection can also be emailed to Ms. Julie or turned in at their DASH session.
- 6) **#iNfUSed Confirmation Retreat**
Final Retreat: Date options to be shared in Winter 2018

SPECIAL ASPECTS OF CONFIRMATION

Choosing a Saint. What about that name change?

If your baptismal name **IS** a saint name, you may choose to keep this as your Confirmation name OR choose a different Catholic saint or holy person's name. *This is why students at St. Anne do the "Who Am I" reflection that begins their 7th grade year.* It is meant to lead them to consider who they are, and want to be. And, they research their baptismal name in case they choose to keep it! *The choice is always present in Confirmation to choose a new patron saint who will specially guide one in their spiritual life.* (Blessed and Venerable holy persons are not okay in this diocese.) Whoever a student chooses, if the saint is different from their baptismal name, the Bishop WILL ask you about your name when you get confirmed, thus a reflection about this saint will be due at the end of 8th grade

NOTE: ****If your baptismal name is NOT a saint name, then our Bishop of Joliet requires that you do choose a canonized Catholic saint.**

Some of you will want to choose a name because it is a family tradition or you want to honor someone you love. As long as the name is a Catholic Saint, and you can speak to the life of the Saint and why you want their influence in your life, choosing that Saint is fine.

Choosing someone as your Sponsor

A checklist and sponsor information form is given out on the last day of 7th grade DASH. Adherence to paperwork and deadlines is essential for the final aspect of Confirmation, which is deep conversation time beginning in 8th grade with this specially chosen guide. The sponsor witnesses first in action and deed, and then presents the student to the Bishop, affirming that the student is indeed ready to confirm the baptismal promises parents made for the child. Think of a sponsor like the best coach ever, thus this person has many requirements. St. Anne, along with many other parishes, requires an affidavit form from the sponsor's home parish to ensure that this adult meets requirements set forth by Canon Law.

Requirements for a Catholic Sponsor

- Ideally is one of the godparents from Baptism
- Is at least 16 years of age (while **NOT** being one's parent) and is **sufficiently mature** in his/her own faith development to fulfill the role described
- Is an active and **practicing** member of the Catholic Church (is registered at and attends Mass at their home parish), and is willing to "assist and witness" to the candidate as he/she prepares for Confirmation
- Has regular contact with and real-life continuing influence on the candidate
- Is **fully initiated** into the Catholic Church, (received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) and leads a life in harmony with the faith of the Roman Catholic Church and her beliefs
 - ❖ Sacramental and church records are checked. Catholics without a valid Catholic Church marriage are unable to be sponsors. Divorced, but not remarried Catholics, who practice our faith are fine!
- Has a genuine love for young people and has basic understanding of a young person's psychological, moral, and faith development

CHOOSING A SPONSOR for CONFIRMATION

From the time you were welcomed into the Church at Baptism you have been surrounded by people to support you and help you grow in your love of God. Our Church wants us to journey with others in community. Your nuclear family is called the domestic church; it is where you first learn about God. Yet, there are others beyond your family ready and willing to help you grow with God. At your Baptism, your Godparents represented the community of faith in welcoming you to the family of the Church. They, and your parents, accepted a responsibility at your Baptism to help you grow as a Catholic.

Now, in order to be blessed during your preparation for Confirmation, the Church asks that you choose a sponsor for Confirmation, ***someone other than your mom or dad***. This special person represents the faith community at the Rite of Confirmation. This person is a symbol of support of the entire Body of Christ for you in your life as a disciple. ***They help you see what it means to be a Catholic disciple.***

The sponsor whom you choose joins your parents and family in journeying with you throughout the Confirmation preparation period. He or she supports you and helps you grow in the life of Catholic faith. Your sponsor is ***your challenger*** and ***your guide*** in discovering what it means to be a true disciple.

Your Confirmation sponsor needs to be a person mature in their faith, and ideally of adult age, who is an **active, practicing, confirmed, fully initiated Roman Catholic**, in order to spiritually mentor *you* as you prepare for Confirmation. Your sponsor also should serve as a **life-long spiritual companion/friend** during your lifelong journey in the Catholic faith. As such, your chosen sponsor should be a person who:

When thinking about who to choose as your sponsor, consider the following questions:

- ✓ Who did you write about for your 7th grade paper? Do they fit the criteria of someone who is already, and will continue to be, an ongoing living model of professing and living out their **Catholic faith**?
- ✓ Does this person have a strong prayer life to remember your needs, share their faith with you, ask you about what is going on in your life spiritually, and willing to answer your questions?
- ✓ Will this person be able to give of their time and share their gifts with you both in conversation, in companionship at Catholic events, and in continuing the call to service?
- ✓ Do you have, or desire to have, a lasting relationship with them so that they have your permission to always call you to task about being true to your Catholic faith?
- ✓ Who will **BE** at the Confirmation liturgy to sponsor you into the Catholic faith?

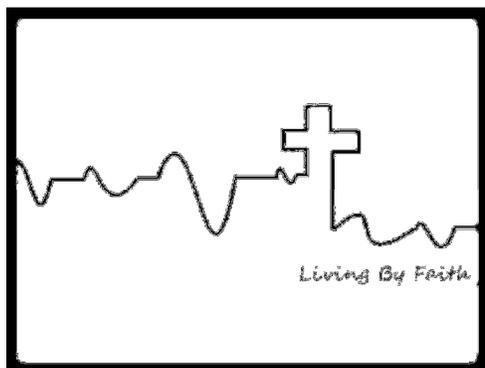
Once you have chosen a person, *and your parents say they fit other guidelines*,

MAKE SURE THAT YOU, PERSONALLY AS A TEEN, FIND A SPECIAL WAY TO ASK THEM

for this very special honor. When you ask them to be your sponsor, you need to GIVE THEM THE ATTACHED LETTER!! (Write their name on the line next to "Dear").

Students are given this page and letter at their last DASH session in 7th grade

Faith Boosters



The purpose of a Faithbooster is to have you, the Confirmandi disciple in training, to choose and experience opportunities that help you develop your spiritual muscles outside of DASH RE and Mass. These are ways to “spend time with God,” to enhance your prayer life, and prepare you for your role as a Christian disciple – which is seeking to find God in all things and talk to God too! The following is a list of *possible* “boosters” to enhance your faith life and deepen your relationship with Jesus. **Choose things you like**

AND ones that are different from what you’d usually choose, just to try different things.

7th graders are to complete three different Faithboosters over their whole 7th grade year. *Ideally you will choose different options and turn one in: December, February, and April.*

8th graders will complete ONE Faithbooster **PER MONTH** in their 8th grade year from November – April, and ideally some of them should be done WITH their sponsor. Challenge yourself to try something you didn’t do in 7th grade. And no, they should not all be from movies.

Reflection sheets are meant to be brief to share *what you did* and **how it helped you experience your faith and experience God in a new way**. **Emailing reflections MAY be an option. Please wait for further instructions at the beginning of the year.*

The following ideas are just SOME IDEAS – you may come up with other things!

1. **THE ROSARY** – Say a rosary with your family or Sponsor. On a separate sheet of paper write something on **each** of the mysteries that you meditated on while praying the rosary. Make sure to briefly explain (1) how Mary and/or Jesus might have felt; (2) how can this mystery be related to your life today; and (3) how can this mystery bring you closer to Jesus and Mary?
2. **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Talk to your family or sponsor about what this means. Watch the bulletin and attend adoration here at St. Anne’s after the given 11am Mass, or at another Catholic Church. Write a reflection that shares: what you know (or learned) about why we do adoration AND most importantly how you felt spending time with Jesus in this way.
3. **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** – Research the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Pray the chaplet with your family or your Sponsor. Write a brief report/reflection on the life of St. Faustina and share a sentence about how you felt praying the Chaplet.

4. **MUSIC:** Some people find God best through music. Choose to listen only to Christian music for 1 or 2 weeks (*ideally 30 days*). Go to 94.3, or KLOVE.COM to learn about their 30 day music challenge. (Other stations are Shine 89.7 or WBGL, 104.3) **If you take the challenge, in your reflection share:** What was it like to listen to music with only a Christian message for this time frame? Did one of the stories or scripture passages of the day touch you? What songs spoke to you? (*include the name of the song/artist*) What lyrics matched something that you needed to hear that day? How did the music make you feel about God? Would you listen to this music more often? Why/why not?
5. **NATURE WALK** – Find a good spot in nature (like a forest preserve) or a place away from the noise of everyday life where you feel it is easy to connect with God. *Make sure you are safe and someone knows where you are.* Sit or walk in silence and open your heart to God. (*No electronics allowed while you are doing this.*) Write a reflection on your nature experience sharing **how nature affects your spirituality and how/why you feel God's presence in nature.** Can you find scripture verses that match why God's creation is a way to encounter and praise God? (Check out the Psalms!)
6. **LABYRINTH** –Labyrinths can be found in many old cathedrals in Europe and are an ancient way of praying. Research what a prayer labyrinth is (or talk with Julie!) and then go and walk one with your parent or sponsor. (A nearby labyrinth is at St. Thomas the Apostle in Naperville. The Riverwalk has one across from the Nichols Library in Naperville.) As you walk the labyrinth you can choose to do several different options: Go into the labyrinth with a prayer intention about a situation or a person you care about and then ask God to hear and answer you. Think of something in your life that you would like to change for the better and place that desire before God. Or, simply be open to listen to the message that God has for you as you walk. **Write a reflection on what the experience was like for you both walking into the center and then back out. Did you feel different?** *NOTE: The garden maze at the Arboretum is NOT a prayer labyrinth. *
7. **READ A BOOK with a FAITH BASED PURPOSE:** There are many options out there for those who love to read, including things at the library with the key words "Biblical Fiction". For any book, if you aren't sure if the book would 'count,' email Ms. Julie. Recently a parent asked about these books and said they were awesome: "Learning to Love like Jesus" and "Being a girl who serves: How to find your life by giving it away" both by Shannon Kubiak Primicerio. For a reflection, give a very brief synopsis of the story you read and most importantly how it made you experience your faith differently due to a character or something else written.
8. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Especially during Lent at St. Anne, there are different ways to pray the Stations every Friday. One Friday will always be Living Stations presented by the High School Teens. Write something that shows how you were touched and which specific station(s) most stood out for you.
9. **SPECIAL FEASTS/PRAYER TIMES:** Attend a non-holy day of obligation Mass or prayer service. Share your experience including thoughts and questions.

10. **TRIDUUM SERVICES:** Attend the most amazing services of our faith: Holy Thursday, Good Friday Liturgy, and Easter Vigil. Each day is so prayerfully awesome that it will touch you in some way. While we want you at all of them, make sure to go to at least one. For your reflection write down: ***what you thought/felt/experienced/liked/didn't understand...basically anything along those lines as it all about how you differently felt the power of God's love for us in these services.***

11. **DASH YOUTH MINISTRY Events:**

1) Look for and attend any **D.A.S.H YM** nights that that will be offered throughout the year. Usually this will include a secular movie to watch, time to talk about it afterwards, and close in some prayer. While there you may be asked to fill out the half sheet on your own AFTER we talk as a group.

2) **CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP** – This is a week-long, very intense, faith filled and service experience with opportunities in various Catholic prayer forms. The CHWC fee will be the responsibility of the teen/family (approx. \$375). Dates and place to be shared in early fall. If you choose to come on this camp, it will complete ALL your service hours for the entire year.

12. **MOVIES** –Go onto Netflix and look for Christian Movies. All “PureFlix” films are Christian based and they now have a channel you can subscribe to and some their movies are on the big screen. Some well-known Christian based movies are: “Letters to God”, “Heaven in for Real”, “God’s Not Dead 2”, and “The Case for Christ.” There are many pro-life based movies that are quite moving and should be watched with an adult: “Bella”, “October Baby”, “Sarah’s Choice”, and “Come What May” are great options.

I recommend these deeper titles for 8th grade: “I’m Not Ashamed” or “The Shack.”

Call Julie for ideas or look up some on your own! If you aren’t sure about your choice, send Julie an email to ask. **For any MOVIE reflection: Write a VERY brief synopsis of the movie. Focus on your personal feelings regarding what you saw. How did this movie affect your own heart and understanding of God and our Christian faith?**

For the reflections for #9 – 10 below, please turn in a response to what you attended; why you chose it; what you liked; didn’t like; and how it connects to you and helped you experience your faith.

13. **SPEAKERS/THEATRICAL EVENTS** – Throughout the year nearby parishes, along with St. Anne’s, many offer ways to learn about our faith. Talk with your parents (or sponsors) to see if you can attend something together that interests you.

14. **OTHER OPTIONS???** There are **so many ways** to nurture your spirituality. If you have other ideas, call/email Julie Krakora at: 630-554-1425 or JHYM@stanneparish.org to share what you think will help you grow in having a stronger relationship with Jesus! 😊

DISCIPLESHIP HOURS— Service to others to live out the Gospel



Requirement: to create an attitude of discipleship
– service as a way of life (not just hours to accomplish for Confirmation)

**** 8th grade Confirmandi are asked to complete Works of Mercy OR CST Projects.**

All hours done per project(s) should total at least 16 Hours.

The goal is to truly learn how YOU can *love* to serve and use YOUR gifts to help others so that you can more easily follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Service work is part of almost all teen preparation for Confirmation. The point is to provide practice time to instill the inner drive to **BE LIKE CHRIST** – to take faith into the world through one's actions. Though service makes one feel good, that is a byproduct. The role of service is to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. We serve in Jesus' name, not our own. The saints teach us well about what this means (another part of the journey towards Confirmation.)

The initial standard of "Core Service" comes from Scripture and Jesus' own words when he shared the Corporal Works of Mercy:

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| } | - Feed the Hungry | - Visit the Sick | } |
| | - Give Drink to the Thirsty | - Visit the Imprisoned | |
| | - Clothe the Naked | - Bury the Dead | |
| | - Shelter the Homeless | | |

Consider also these incredible teachings of the Church known as **Catholic Social Teaching**:

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| - Life and Dignity of the Human Person | - Call to Family, Community, and Participation |
| - Rights and Responsibilities | - Option for the Poor and Vulnerable |
| - Dignity of Work and Right of Workers | - Solidarity |
| - Care for God's Creation | |

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>

Using the themes above or unique ideas of your own, go make a difference in a way that makes you feel happy and alive in your giving to another. ☺ Consider doing projects with your friends or RE class! Break the mold of ordinary living and have fun serving others!

Service should be something that you offer as a gift to others (meaning you receive no pay for your work) and not be something you do at home (aka chores and things to help be part of your family) or fundraisers for your team! As you prepare to go out in the world as a disciple, it is time to see the world. **Clearly stated, hours CANNOT be fulfilled by doing service for ANY member of your immediate family (babysitting your siblings/cousins or neighbors for free), nor does shoveling snow for your family count.** Shoveling snow for an elderly neighbor would.

CORPORAL WORKS of MERCY PROJECT IDEAS (Charitable Acts)

Feed the Hungry.

- Volunteer at a food bank:
 - *Northern Illinois Foodbank <http://solvehungertoday.org/>
 - *Kendall County Food Pantry 630-553-0473 OR check out info@kendallcountyfoodpantry.org
 - *Ideally **raise \$50/packing session**; then volunteer at a Feed my Starving Children packing shift
www.fmssc.org
- Find ways to help at Hesed House <http://www.hesedhouse.org/>

Give Drink to the Thirsty.

- Buy and give out water bottles **to the homeless**. This is NOT meant to be about giving drink at a fun fair or marathon/race event UNLESS it is for charity.
- Check out www.thewaterproject.org Many countries do not have access to clean water. Do their challenge (and the math.) Give up some luxuries for a month (or more), get your friends involved, and then work with Julie Krakora to send the money to this organization.

Clothe the Naked.

- Do all the work to host a clothing drive. Donate the items (including going through your own closet!)
- Knit, crochet, or sew baby blankets for your local pregnancy help center.
- Knit, crochet, or sew scarves, hats, and gloves for your local homeless shelter.

Shelter the Homeless.

- Volunteer to do manual labor to help in the upkeep of a homeless shelter; volunteer at Hesed House!
- Send a care package with special treats to an orphanage.
- Using your **own money**, sponsor a child through <https://www.unbound.org/> (formerly the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging started by 4 Catholic Workers.)

Visit the Sick.

- Volunteer to call Bingo at a nursing home.
- Visit a seriously or terminally ill member of your parish.
- Using your **own money**, sponsor an elderly person through <https://www.unbound.org/>

Visit the Imprisoned.

- With a parent, look at this site as a starting point to see if you are called to help:
<http://www.ecoprisoners.org/howtohelp2.htm>

Bury the Dead.

- Help a widow or widower in need with yard work or errands.
- Visit the cemetery, help with clean-up or placing wreaths/flowers on Holidays for veterans or others.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Some Spiritual Works of mercy can easily be turned into projects. **“Instruct the Ignorant”** – you can aide in an RE class all year. **“Pray for the Living and the Dead”** - make cards for soldiers (OSOT), help those in prison, or help with an Anointing Mass here at St. Anne. **“Comfort the Sorrowful”** – spend time at a nursing home talking with residents, helping them with Bingo, or help with any Oswego Senior Center event as their sole purpose is to help improve the well-being of our elderly in Oswego.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST) PROJECT IDEAS (Justice Acts)

While you, as an 8th grader, might not be able to do as much as you can when you are older, there are still themes of CST that you CAN do!

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The Catholic belief in the life and dignity of the human person is the foundation of our moral vision. All life is sacred, and all people must be treated with dignity.

~**Pro-life issues** – doing things to help end **abortion, euthanasia, genocide**, & the **death penalty**

***Peacefully participate in prayer outside of an abortion clinic (especially during October which is pro-life month or in January which is the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to make abortion legal.)*

~**Racism** – participate in any events that promote peace and equality for ALL people!

~**Unjust war** – *though you cannot do much to stop the war, do pray for all those affected by war. Look up Operation Support our Troops: <http://www.osotamerica.org/get-involved>*

Talk with your friends or RE class to spearhead a drive (talk with JHYM first!) to support their needs.

~**Slavery** – Talk with your sponsor about ways to learn about and help end human trafficking or ****READ about Mr. Chris Baker, a tattoo artist in Oswego who has found a way to help women previously branded in human trafficking. Consider reaching out and seeing if there are ways you can help him to help others.**

<http://patch.com/illinois/oswego/tattoo-artist-ink-180-pastor-helps-girls-escape-the-cab1ac126e9>

~**Poverty** – any of the Corporal Works of Mercy bring this into action

Care for God's Creation

God is the creator of all people and all things, and he wants us to enjoy his creation. We are called to make the moral and ethical choices that protect the ecological balance of creation both locally and worldwide.

~**Volunteer at a local Forest Preserve/Natural Prairie Area** to help with preservation and cleaning

~If you know of a place that doesn't **recycle or compost**, learn about it and start a program!

~Help **prevent pollution** and thus **be aware of Global Warming** (products you use, the amount of trash you/your family produces).

~**Volunteer at local Recycle Days** (check out with Oswego Government to learn the dates they host these and what you can do to help!)

~Look for **local organic farmers and see if you can learn from and help them** (there are a few in Oswego!) in their efforts to be sustainable and care for the earth and God's creatures!

~Volunteer at a **local Humane Society Animal Shelter**.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

As Catholics, we are called to pay special attention to the needs of poor people. We can follow Jesus' example by making a specific effort to defend and promote the dignity of those who are poor or vulnerable and to meet their immediate material needs.

~Many things previously written under the Corporal Works of Mercy would apply to this theme: helping the sick, elderly, disabled, unborn, and prisoners.

Rights and Responsibilities

The Catholic Church teaches that every person has a right to life as well as a right to those things required for human decency. As Catholics, we are responsible for protecting these fundamental human rights in order to achieve a healthy society.

~Things associated with Rights & Responsibilities include basic needs for: food, water, shelter (also Corporal Works of Mercy), education, employment, healthcare, & religious freedom.

Solidarity

Because God is our Father, we are all brothers and sisters with the responsibility to care for one another. This spirit of solidarity unites all people whether they are rich or poor, weak or strong. It also helps to create a society that recognizes that we live in an interdependent world.

~Areas of need or awareness include: Welcoming immigrants, embracing strangers, be open to and affirming of diversity, and supporting peace efforts.

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

Participation in family and community is central to our faith and to a healthy society. From this foundation people participate in society, fostering a community spirit and promoting the well-being of all, especially those who are poor or vulnerable.

~Areas to consider include: assisting elderly/disabled neighbors (raking, shoveling, and gardening) and other community (town) events.

Dignity of Work and Right of Workers

The Catholic Church teaches that the basic rights of workers must be respected: the right to productive work, to fair wages, and to private property, and the right to organize and join unions and to pursue economic opportunity. Moreover, Catholics believe that the economy is meant to serve people, not the other way around.

REMEMBER ALSO TO GO TO THE WEBSITE TO...

Print your Service Log for 7th or 8th grade & Reflection Sheets for 8th grade