

Service is a Response to God's Love

For the Catholic disciple preparing for Confirmation, Service is not just busy work but a response to God's love and an opportunity to reflect God's love to others.

Choose from the service options below. Service hours must total 10 hours for the year and be performed free of charge. You must take responsibility to select, plan, and perform the service.

SUPPORT THE PARISH

Volunteer at various parish events: Pancake Breakfast, Donut Sunday, Parish Picnic, Marian Tea, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.

ASSIST IN LITURGICAL SERVICES

Altar serve

Usher at parish and/or OLOH school Mass
(contact RE office if interested, must be pre-arranged)

Sing in the children's choir
(only singing at Mass counts as service, rehearsals do not count).

SERVE AT A WORTHY ORGANIZATION

Volunteer at a charitable organization such as Catholic Charities, LINK, or Birthright.

HELP A NEIGHBOR

Perform a Corporal Act of Mercy.

Visit the sick or elderly and lift their spirits with your company or by sharing a special talent.

Make gift bags for children in the hospital or injured soldiers.



OLOH Confirmation Service Guidelines

The purpose of volunteer service is to reflect God's love to others. Love requires sacrifice, giving of one's time, talent, and treasure.

You need to serve 10 hours for 7th grade and 10 hours for 8th grade.

Volunteering in events or organizations that advocate for causes contrary to the Faith are prohibited.

The service needs to strengthen the parish community, support liturgical services, or benefit those in need (excluding family members).

The service may include a collection, but you need to be actively involved in all of the steps - contacting the charitable organization, advertising, collecting, and arranging how to get the goods to the organization.

In-Parish service, such as Pancake Breakfast and altar serving, are automatically approved but you must submit a service form **AFTER** you serve so we can keep track of your hours.

If serving outside the parish or organizing your own project, submit a service form for **APPROVAL BEFORE** you serve.

You are encouraged but not required to volunteer in various types of service. For instance, you will benefit from the experience of volunteering at a food bank in addition to being an altar server.

Only one service form is required for the same type of service. For instance, if you volunteer at three Pancake Breakfasts, you only need to submit one service form.

FINAL PRESENTATION

Reflect on how your act of service was a response to God's love and how you mirrored God's love to others.

The final presentation will be in the form of a slide show or video presentation. Slide shows should have at least 5 slides, including the title slide. If submitting a video, the final product should be at least 3 minutes long. The following must be included in the final presentation:

- Description of the service, including specifics on the student's contributions.

- Explanation of why the student chose the service.

- Reflection on the service that answers the questions:

 - How was my act of service a response to God's love?

 - How did I reflect God's love to others?

. Submit your FINAL PRESENTATION via email to the Religious Education Office.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Ashley Cristofaro at (703) 433-6570 or acristofaro@ourladyofhope.net

CONFIRMATION SERVICE FORM for IN-PARISH Volunteer Hours

*Submit this form to the Religious Education Office
AFTER the service is performed.*

Name/Grade

Name and Date(s) of Service or Event

How did you help?

Number of Service Hours Earned



Parent Signature

I verify the above information is correct.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE FORM

for OUTSIDE PARISH Volunteer Hours

*Submit this form for approval to the Religious Education Office **BEFORE** the service is performed.*

Name/Grade

Name and Date(s) of Service or Event

Who will you help?

How will you help? Provide details.

Project Timeline

Estimated # Hours



Parent Signature

I will support my child to complete this service.