



2017 - 2018

Merciful Service Opportunities Log Sacred Heart Faith Formation

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What are Merciful Service Opportunities? Merciful Service hours show your love as God would show to his people (Church) and Community. As you continue to work on building your relationship with God through your own will and heart you exemplify how prepared you are to receive the Holy Spirit at your Sacrament of Confirmation. The Spirit moves us to imitate the love and service of Christ and the saints. In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we often perform many hours of service to help those in need. In doing so, we practice love and service in imitation of the saints whose names we often take at Confirmation. Anointed at Confirmation, we are further strengthened to live lives that give off "the aroma of Christ" as did the holy saints (CCC, no. 1294). The sacred Chrism is mixed with fragrant spices precisely to symbolize this "aroma." The Holy Spirit pours love into our hearts so that we can become "instruments of grace" in order to "pour forth God's charity and to weave networks of charity" in the world. (Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate) –United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Every student in Confirmation II, Confirmation I and 8th Grade is required to complete a total of 60 hours of Merciful Service in the timeframe May 3, 2017 – March 28, 2018.

Service Requirements are: 30 hours Community, 20 hours Church, and 10 hours Home

Even if you register on a sign in sheet at an event, you MUST turn your hours in written on one of these logs to receive credit!! Some hours may be classified as both but can only be used once, no double dipping (ie. If you help at the Parish Picnic for 4 hours, you could list that under Community OR Church, but not 4 hours to each. You may, however, split the hours as needed (2=Community; 2=Church) Service hours that are required by school or another organization cannot count. (ie. If you are required to tutor as part of NHS, you cannot count those hours for MSO; however, if you are tutoring a classmate without being required to do so, those hours do count)

<p>FAITH WORKS James 2:14-18 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.</p>				<p>Student Name: _____</p> <p>Catechist Name: _____</p> <p>Preparation Level (Check One)</p> <p>Confirmation II Confirmation I 8th Grade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>			<p>Please Check Turn in Date For this MSO:</p> <p>_____ 10/4/2017 (Summer Hours)</p> <p>_____ 11/1/2017 (Oct Hours)</p> <p>_____ 12/6/2017 (Nov Hours)</p> <p>_____ 1/10/2018 (Dec Hours)</p> <p>_____ 1/31/2018 (Jan Hours)</p> <p>_____ 2/28/2018 (Feb Hours)</p> <p>_____ 3/28/2018 (March & FINAL Hours)</p>		
Date of Service	List number of hours completed under appropriate category			Physical Location or Address where Hours were completed	Activity	Description of Duties	Verifying Signature & Title		
	Community (30 Hours)	Church (20 Hours)	Home (10 Hours)						
Totals for this Sheet									

Please remember to sign up/register for an event/activity you are helping with. Please do not show up without verifying with the activity coordinator. Remember that they are counting on you – if you sign up, show up!! As a representative of Sacred Heart Faith Formation – dress appropriately and be at your best behavior during Merciful Service Opportunities