

## St. Teresa of Calcutta Confirmation Program

# Service Projects

### Why Service Projects?

You might be wondering, “Why do I have to do service projects to be confirmed?” That is a great question. Thanks for asking 😊

As you grow in your formation towards Confirmation you should have an open mind and heart and have a desire to grow closer to God. As you say yes to Confirmation you are called to be a disciple of Christ in your families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. Through Confirmation you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to help you on your journey of life and faith. Jesus has a heart for the poor and the outcast, which even in his day caused controversy and ridicule but Jesus was firm on teaching that human respect and dignity is not just for who we choose it to be but for **everyone**. If we want to grow closer to God we need to imitate his love and affection for all, even when it’s hard. When we give of ourselves, we become more like Christ and grow closer to him. By serving your parish, community and society you are practicing being the disciple you are called to be as a child of God.

Take a few minutes to reflect and think of your talents and how you can use them to serve others and the church. Make these service projects meaningful to you and in the end, they will bring you more joy than you anticipate.

**Parish Service Project:** This is a ministry you have served with in the church such as volunteering at a parish event, fundraiser or other ways you serve in the church.

**Examples:**

- Being an usher, greeter, lector or server at Mass,
- Helping with VBS
- Working at a parish fundraiser

**Community Service Project:** This is something that helps benefit the community such as helping a community organization in need.

**Examples:**

- Feeding the hungry
- Going on a mission trip
- Organizing a collection of your choice

**Own Action Service Projects:** This should be something that you’re passionate about that digs a little deeper than just a onetime service project.

**Examples:**

- Dedicated prayer for a special cause over a period of time
- Go to the grocery store for a home bounded parishioner or neighbor
- Talk with someone that doesn’t have any friends and create a friendship
- Write a letter to someone who is lonely or needs affirmation
- Bake cookies and take them to your local town hall, police or fire station