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Due: Februaru 27th, 2019

Serving Our Families, Our Parish Community and Our Community

Seeing Christ in the Catholic Church and throughout the World

As a Confirmation candidate, you are preparing to assume the role of witness for Christ both in the Catholic Church (especially within your parish community) and in the world (especially within your community). See the Catechism #1319.

Directions: During your Confirmation program, you are required to find meaningful, quality ways to serve the domestic church (your family), the Catholic Church (our parish community) and the larger community of St. Peter and the surrounding area

- Your service should be unpaid.
- Your service should be connected to prayer. Ask God how he is calling you, pray for those whom you serve, etc.
- You should serve in ways that you do not normally serve, in order to let God to stretch you and show you what He can do through you. *(For example, if you are normally expected to do the dishes at home, then you should also serve in another way at home.)*

In preparation for Confirmation, Candidates will complete 10 hours of service through 3 areas of service. We ask that you serve at least 1 hour in each area (church, community & home). The remaining 7 hours can be allotted however you feel your service is needed.

A strong effort for meaningful and quality service needs to be shown through your thoughtful responses to the following questions. If the quality of the service you completed is in doubt, you will receive follow-up questions from the Coordinator of the Confirmation program.

Before you begin serving, please take some time to reflect...

What are some gifts that God has given you? (For example, are you a good listener? Are you organized? Are you athletic or do you have some musical talent?)

How have you used these gifts in prior service opportunities? What are some new ways that you could use them to serve your family, our parish, and our community?

Serving Your Family:

- Write a paragraph below describing in detail how you served your family. (Remember, if you are already expected to do something like unload the dishwasher, you'll need to serve your family in another way. Besides serving your immediate family, serving your family could include items like watching younger cousins or helping elderly relatives with yard work.)
 - What did you like most about serving your family? What was most difficult? How did you see or experience God through your service? Be specific in what exactly you did and what it was like.
- Pray for the people you served.

Parent Signature: _____ Number of Hours Served: _____

Serving the Parish:

- Write a paragraph below describing in detail how you served at Church of St. Peter or St. Paul Parish.
 - What did you like about serving and what was difficult? How did you see or experience God through your service? Be specific in what exactly you did and what it was like.
- Pray for the people you served.

Parent Signature: _____ Number of Hours Served: _____

Serving the Larger Community:

- Write a paragraph below describing in detail how you served the community.
 - What did you like most about serving? What was most difficult? How did you see or experience God through your service? Be specific in what exactly you did and what it was like.
- Pray for the people you served.

Parent Signature: _____ Number of Hours Served: _____

Service Opportunities at Church of St. Peter Parish

Please note that this list is not exhaustive. You may find a way to serve our parish that was not on our list. Please contact Heather Gilbertson for approval of these ideas if you are unsure if the service is suitable.

- **Preschool or Elementary Faith Formation (10:00am Mass and Wednesday evenings)**, Contact Mary Grack(Preschool or Elementary) @ 507-931-1628 by September 17, 2017
- **Maintenance work**, contact Dan Leighton @ 507-931-1628
- **Liturgy Team**, contact Sarah Denn (lector, altar server, usher, etc.) or Barbara Frank (musician) or Heather Gilbertson (Life Teen Mass as musician, lector, altar server, usher, etc) @ 507-317-1882
- **St. Peter Thrift Store**: contact Liz Herbeck @ 507-931-9150
- **The Kitchen** (Monday evenings 1 per month): Mary Grack @ 507-931-1628
- **Fall Harvest Festival**, Sarah Denn @ 507-931-1628
- **Church Cleaning**: typically before Christmas, watch the bulletin

Service Opportunities in the St. Peter and Surrounding Communities

Please note that this list is not exhaustive. You may find a way to serve our community that was not on our list. Please contact Heather Gilbertson for approval of these ideas if you are unsure if the service is suitable.

- **Nursing home** – Help residents move to dining area, distribute snacks/juice, do hair/nails, read, BINGO, play piano/instrument.
- **The Kitchen** – serving dinner – contact www.servingtheneed.org
- **Vine** – fall yard work – contact 507-387-1666
- **Salvation Army in Mankato** - salvationarmynorth.org/community/mankato/
- **Options Pregnancy Center in Mankato** - optionsmankato.org
- **Tutoring**
- **Helping a neighbor**