

Service Hour Guidelines

Overview: Each student is required to do 20 hours of community service prior to Confirmation. This is already being discussed with them in class. (Note: Candidates can perform and submit as many hours as they like. The 20 hours are not a limit.)

- Each 8th grade class will be assigned to a Breakfast Run. These are on the first Sunday of the month.

Candidates are free to choose any other service activity they would like. The basic guidelines are:

- The service must benefit another human being keeping in mind the Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and visit the sick.
 - Candidates and parents are welcome to suggest service projects that could involve their classmates.
 - Services should be diverse. In other words, several works of mercy are preferable.
 - Services can be performed with or without parents
 - No remuneration

Parents are responsible for keeping track and submitting a simple recap showing what the candidate did and the number of hours. This is due by May 31, 2017. Each student may give a brief talk in class on the service project they liked the best.

The Breakfast Run

This has become a great tradition at Saints John and Paul Parish. The students meet at 7am on a Sunday morning and prepare food that is donated by their families. We also collect warm clothing, socks and trial sized toiletries. We then take everything into Manhattan to a location on the West Side where needy people (selected by the Midnight Run Organization) are served a hot and cold breakfast by our students. Parents drive and supervise. It is a wonderful experience in “hands on” Christian Charity. The candidates earn five hours for this service.