

**Confirmation Handbook 2009-2010**  
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**Class Attendance** – Class content as well as the dynamics and discussions of the classroom are essential components to the preparation for Confirmation. Therefore class attendance is *mandatory*. Certainly a student will be excused for *serious, unavoidable* reasons, such as illness, but especially due to the fewer number of classes through the year, attendance is necessary. Sports games and practices are not considered reasons to miss class. In the event of an *unavoidable* absence a make-up class and/or homework will be required.

**Confirmation Class Schedule  
2009-2010**

**9:30am-12pm (includes 11am mass)  
Lexington Building**

Sunday, September 13

Sunday, September 27

*Commitment Service @ 11am Mass in main church  
(following class).*

Sunday, October 11

Sunday November 1

Sunday November 8

Sunday November 22

Sunday, December 6

**Friday**, December 18

*Day of Reflection 9am-3:00pm  
in Playdium*

Sunday, January 10

Sunday, January 24

Sunday, February 7

Sunday, February 21

Sunday, March 7

**Monday**, March 8

*Reconciliation service*

**Friday**, March 12

*Confirmation practice*

Sunday, March 14

*Confirmation*

**Mass attendance and Journal**- Weekly mass is something that is an essential part of any active Catholic's life. Therefore it is something that must be taken very seriously by the confirmation candidate and their family. The completion of a journal with reflections on each Sunday Mass for the duration of the Confirmation program will be due **November 1, January 10** and again **February 21**.

*Mass journal:*

a weekly reflection on the Sunday readings and/of homily will be expected from September through February. This reflection should be 3-4 sentences addressing the questions on the journal sheet.

*Copies of this journal are at the end of this packet and will be available online.*

**Service** – Christian service is a way of life, an essential action of our faith. When we commit to being Christian we commit to walking in the footsteps of Christ. He has shown us that to live as a Christian is to be in the loving service of everyone we encounter. It is our hope that through the service component of Confirmation prep we convey that service is an opportunity not only to live out our Christian commitment but to actually encounter Christ. By entering into relationship with others we are reminded of our own need, our own reliance on God and the generosity of others in our lives. Service during this year of Confirmation prep is not merely another requirement, but it is an opportunity to have experiences with others that expose us to new depths of our faith and to inform our lifestyles as Christians.

The emphasis of the service done during Confirmation prep is *relationship* and coming in direct contact with those in need. We are asking that *15-25 hours of community service* be completed over the course of the year and that at least some portion of these hours put us in *direct contact with people* and situations that we do not always experience in our daily lives around Glenview and that help to open our eyes to the needs outside ourselves.

See “Confirmation Service Opportunities” for a list of options. All service should be completed by **February 7th**.

# **Confirmation Service Opportunities**

## **2009-2010**

**Below is a list of service opportunities in the general area of Glenview. Your service is not limited to an organization on this list. We will accept work with any organization that fits the spirit and criteria of our service expectations explained in the Confirmation Requirements. Personal initiatives NOT associated with a service oriented organization will require approval – see “self-starter service”.**

### **Community Service Opportunities**

#### **Advocate Adult Day Service – 847-824-5143**

9375 Church Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016

Contact: Gwyne Chovanee

Mon-Fri 7am – 5:30pm

- assist with various activities with the elderly – games, bingo, lunch etc.
- must be comfortable with elderly who may be impaired due to stroke or other ailments

#### **St. Philips Lutheran Church Clothing Closet and Soup Kitchen- 847-998-1946**

(Corner of Lake and Pfingston)

Contact: Pastor Eric Dawson

- Clothing Closet: open to community on Saturday mornings. Assist with sorting and handing out of clothing.
- Soup Kitchen – Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of the month dinner is served at 5:30pm.

<http://www.stphilip.info/>

#### **Maryhaven Nursing Home - 847-729-1300**

1700 E. Lake Ave, Glenview, IL 60025

Contact: Kathleen Maternus

- assist with various activities with the elderly

### **Northfield Township Food Pantry - 847-724-8300**

Contact: Mary Lou

-Under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

-Assist with sorting and stocking food on Thurs from 4-8pm or on the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 Saturdays of the month from 9-12. Shifts are one hour long. First come, first served basis. 10 people per shift. (*Prior to serving at the pantry, volunteers are asked to do a food drive of some sort and bring either food or money to the pantry on their day of service.* This helps volunteers see the community effort it takes to run a pantry.)

<http://www.twp.northfield.il.us/Pantry.htm>

### **Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook - 847-724-2620**

Contact: Monica Garvey

-Assist with mailing and organizing – includes educational aspect of the work that they do – opportunities available on an as needed basis

<http://www.youthservices-gn.org/index.html>

### **Misericordia - 773-273-4161**

Contact: Theresa Rooney

- This organization offers services and support to developmentally disabled adults and children.

- The volunteer opportunities involve a variety of events and programs which you can help with if you call to arrange it with their coordinator. These opportunities do not always involve interaction with their clients. For this info check out:

<http://www.misericordia.org/>

### **Salvation Army- 847-866-9770**

Contact: Lorna Nelson

-tutoring -need parents signature and application – involves a regular commitment

-pack holiday food boxes – with parent/adult accompaniment (starts end of Oct).

### **The Women's Center - 773-794-8807**

Contact: Katie Reidy

-This is “crisis” pregnancy center that provides counseling and support for women who find themselves with unplanned and troubled pregnancy circumstances.

- Service projects could include helping with the logistics of their “Baby Bottle” fundraising program, sorting baby clothes or assisting with misc. clerical needs.

<http://www.womens-center.org/>

### **Sharing Parishes**

Throughout the year, needs often arise at our sharing parishes, Our Lady of Tepeyac, St. Philip Neri and St. Sabina's.

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_, Sharing Parish Committee Member

### **Family Matters**

After school tutoring program generally coordinated through District 34.  
[www.familymatterschicago.org](http://www.familymatterschicago.org)

### **Catholic Charities – (847) 376-2101**

Contact: Denise Yonkers

- pack bags and serve clients in the food pantry
- organize clothing donations and food deliveries

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Contact: Mary Mulhall – [marykevinm@comcast.net](mailto:marykevinm@comcast.net)

This program is designed to help elderly or disabled neighbors in our community who need help with home maintenance, snow removal, yard work etc. We will take small groups of 8<sup>th</sup> graders to homes in our community and assist homeowners with these type of chores.

### **Patton Home of Glenview – Elderly Housing**

Phone: 847-724-6308

939 Harlem Ave

Glenview, IL

Home of independent living for the Elderly which often has activities with which 8<sup>th</sup> graders can help and participate.

### **Self-Starter Service**

We encourage your initiative and enthusiasm. If you see a need within the community that is not listed here, please contact Mrs. Mulhall at [marykevinm@comcast.net](mailto:marykevinm@comcast.net) to discuss your project.

## **Parish Service Opportunities**

### **Religious Ed Assistants**

-Contact Megan McDonald – [mmcdonald@olphchurch-il.org](mailto:mmcdonald@olphchurch-il.org)

RE needs your help during the classtimes of lower grades. This involves helping the office with attendance, assisting catechists when needed, helping with occasionally service drives and the other various needs of the RE office. Sign up to help RE on Tuesdays from 4:30-6pm or 6:30-8pm and Saturdays from 9-10:30.

### **Family TREE Babysitting**

-Contact Megan McDonald – [mmcdonald@olphchurch-il.org](mailto:mmcdonald@olphchurch-il.org)

Our new family program is in need of babysitting one Sunday a month from 3:45-6:15pm in the Playdium. This will involve children under the age of 5.

*Dates needed:*

*September 20*

*October 18*

*November 15*

*December 20*

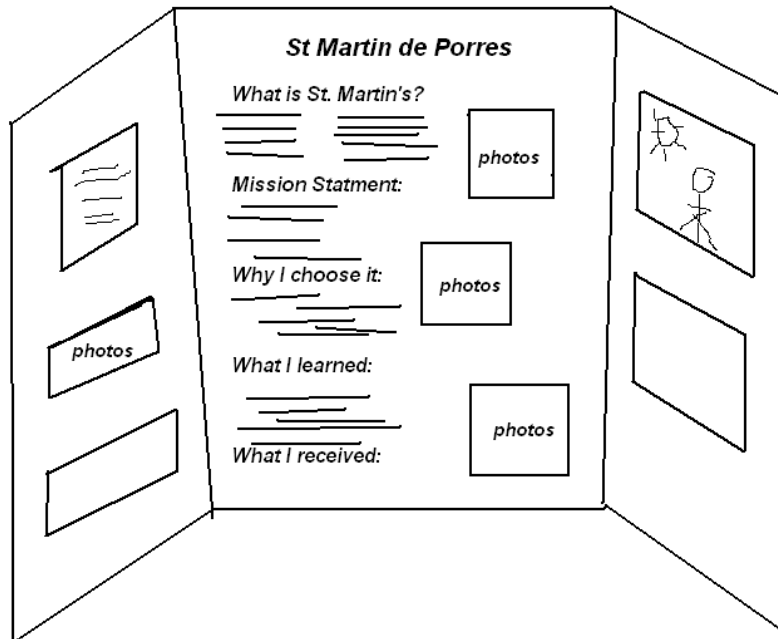
*January 31*

*February 28*

## Confirmation Service Fair:

An important aspect of Religious Education and Confirmation Preparation is theological reflection. As part of the service component we ask that the students reflect on their experiences and create a presentation board that they will display for all RE classes at the Confirmation Service Fair.

Example:



This board should somehow include/answer the following:

- Where/with whom/with what organization did I do service – give brief history and background.
- Why did I choose this? What gifts did I feel I could offer?
- What was the most meaningful aspect of this service?  
And/or
- What did I receive from those I helped in doing this service?

This board can include pictures, photos, brochures, written descriptions and journal entries. Each student will be expected to sign up to be present at one of the following Service Fair dates:

*Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>:*  
4:30-6pm      or      6:30-8pm

*Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:*  
9am – 10:30am

**Day of Reflection** – Mid-year we will have a day of reflection. This is a time for all the Confirmation students to come together to review and reflect on this final step in their Christian initiation. This will be a day long event and will include a talk from Friar John Paul Cafiero, OFM, who has been speaking to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on the “choice to love” for years.

This will be held **Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 from 9am – 3pm**. This is the last day of school before Christmas Break. Public schools are expected to excuse students one day a year for religious affiliated activities and the local schools are notified of this day for their own planning purposes.

If attendance to this Day of Reflection on a school day poses a hardship, please contact Megan McDonald – [mmcdonald@olphchurch-il.org](mailto:mmcdonald@olphchurch-il.org)

**Saint Report** – The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be asked to pick a saint (which will serve as their confirmation name) and write a *one page report*. This report will include:

A brief bio of the saint.

What this saint is best known for.

Why this saint has been chosen as a Confirmation name.

Due date will be communicated by class teacher

**Interview** – After Christmas, each student will have a brief meeting with one of the OLPH priests. This offers opportunity to meet and get to know priests as well as a chance for them to articulate their experience of the Confirmation process.

## **Mass Reflections:**

**For each Sunday liturgy please think about one or more of the following questions in relation to the readings, Gospel and/or Homily. Write 3-4 sentences each week.**

- **Summarize the readings and/or homily.**
- **What does the message of the gospel mean for my life right now?**
- **What did I learn that I didn't know or realize before?**
- **How would I explain, in my own words, what Jesus said today in the gospel?**

**September 13 - Mk 8:27-35**

**September 20 - Mk 9:30-37**

**September 27 - Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

**October 4 - Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12**

**October 11 - Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27**

**October 18 - Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45**

**October 25 - Mk 10:46-52**

**November 1 - Mt 5:1-12a**

**\*\*\*\*\*DUE IN CLASS TODAY\*\*\*\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## My Confirmation Service Hours

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: 5

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Total Number of Confirmation Service Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I affirm that I have fulfilled the above listed service hours.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

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***This form is due to your teacher by February 7th, 2010.***