

HOLY ANGELS PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION SERVICE ACTIVITY

By our Baptism we are called to service. As you mature in your faith, you will discover increased responsibilities. It is not enough that you know about your faith. Some questions for you to reflect on are:

- How do I put my faith into action?
- What is my Baptismal call?
- How often do I go out of my way to help others?
- Do I notice when people need help?
- Do I look for places to be of service?
- Am I using the gifts God has given me?

There are many opportunities to be of service but, more important, is the attitude you are developing to be open to let the Holy Spirit guide you.

Part of the necessary preparation for Confirmation is Christian service. Thirty hours of service to family (10hrs) , to parish (10 hrs), and to community (10 hrs) need to be completed, verified, and reflected upon prior to Confirmation in 2008. The Service Accountability Log is for the Confirmation candidate to keep track of hours spent in service. These Service Hour Logs will be used in the offertory procession of our Confirmation Liturgy.

The service component of Confirmation is meant to help the candidate to reach beyond him/herself to help other people and to respond to the challenge of loving our neighbor as Jesus loves us. There is NO PERSONAL COMPENSATION OF ANY KIND. All Christian service is to be done FREE OF CHARGE. Service projects may be done individually or in a small group. Parents and sponsors are encouraged to participate in the service opportunities, as well. The service projects remind our parish young people that they are important and active members of Holy Angels Parish Community.

Some ideas for Christian COMMUNITY service activities might be:

Firelands Hospital
Ohio Veterans Home
Lutheran Memorial Home
Providence Care Center
Erie County Care Facility
Boys and Girls Club
Community Supper at First Congregational Church on Weds. (3:00-5:30)
Victory Kitchen
Back to the Wild
Erie County Humane Society
Safety Town Volunteer
Sandusky Public Library Summer Reading Program
The Volunteer Center
Relay for Life
Holy Angels Thanksgiving Dinner
Erie County Fair

**Make A Difference Day
Care and Share
Heartbeat Crisis Pregnancy Center
Special Olympics and Betty Rinderle School
Parkvue Center
Sandusky Central Catholic School Octoberfest**

Some ideas for PARISH Service Activities:

1. Altar Serving at weekend Masses – contact Eric Yeager
2. Sing in the choir – contact Jody Nave
3. Help with Thanksgiving Meal, especially the set up on Weds. afternoon and evening (Nov 25-26, 2009) – contact the parish
4. Help with Hospitality Sundays (usually the 4th Sunday of the month) – contact Kim Seder
5. OCTOBER 2 – Parish Feastday of the Angels – help with hospitality after 7:00 Mass – contact Rosie Hermes
6. Help with **Day Care** in Holy Angels school building at the Early Childhood Center. They are open Monday – Friday. The after school hours are 3:00-6:00. The day care is also open most holidays and all through the summer. During the summer there are 2 time slots: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. We limit volunteers to two students at a time and you can do 1, 2, or all 3 hours. Call 419-626-3075 to schedule.
7. Help with Parish Dinners as they are scheduled. Watch the parish bulletin or contact Terry Diso.
8. Holy Angels Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Sunday Mass. You can still attend this Mass for your Sunday obligation. Contact Brenda Riedy.
9. Tri-Parish Vacation Bible School -- haven't heard the dates for this year, but usually in June. Contact Tammy Puckrin at 621-1499
10. Parish Yard work or care of flowers -- contact Sr. Joyce

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I hope that the confirmation candidates will enjoy the opportunity to give in Christ's love and see how Christ's love comes back to them in return. Blessings and prayers for all during this service opportunity.