

Confirmation Service/Work of Mercy Form Due March 31st

The Rite of Confirmation states that the “gift of the Holy Spirit conforms believers more perfectly to Christ, and strengthens them so that they may bear witness to Christ for the building up of his Body in faith and love.” During preparation for Confirmation we ask that each teen spend time evaluating their gifts so that they can develop them and use them at the service of the Kingdom of God.

INSTRUCTIONS: Each Candidate should spend a minimum of 3.0 hours volunteering at Mary Queen Parish. Each Candidate ***should also*** complete a minimum of one Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy. *See back of this form for a list of the Works of Mercy.* Your Work of Mercy does NOT have to be at the Parish. It can be for any Human person that you know or encounter.

Your Service to the Parish CANNOT be combined with your Work of Mercy. Two Separate events must occur.

Service to the Parish:

What ministry (s) did you participate in? _____

What was the date (s)? _____

What gifts did you use in serving in this ministry? _____

Name of Adult(s) you reported to during your Service Hours:

Work of Mercy:

What type (spiritual or corporal) work of mercy did you do? (ex. feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, counsel the doubtful, etc.)

What exactly did you do? _____

What was the date? _____

I, _____ (name of Candidate), affirm that the above statement is true and I have faithfully completed a Work of Mercy.

Teen Confirmation Works of Mercy

Active Service and Ministry is always an expectation for those seeking Confirmation. As part of the Confirmation Requirements, we are asking that the candidate and their family to look for opportunities and take part in at least one spiritual or one corporal work of mercy. Some examples are volunteering at local food pantries, bringing some sort of comfort to families who are grieving or in need, donating allowance to the poor, reaching out to the homebound, visiting a sick person, bringing the sick a meal, etc. ***To be clear, a work of mercy is not volunteerism; for example - it is not doing a carwash for school or working at an animal shelter. It is providing a material need or spiritual good to another human person. See descriptions below.***

Works of Mercy

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to people in need.

Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs:

feed the hungry
shelter the homeless
clothe the naked
visit the sick and imprisoned
bury the dead
give alms to the poor

Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs:

Instruct the ignorant about your faith and by your example
Counsel the doubtful on hope and trust in God
Admonish the sinner by standing up for your beliefs while also treating others respectfully
Comfort the afflicted by offering sympathy, walking with other in pain, encouraging them
Forgive wrongdoing and pray for those who hurt you
Bear wrongs patiently and try not to be critical; assume the best in others
Pray for the living and the dead by keeping a list of those who you promised to pray for. Visit graves of loved ones and pray and pray for those who helped you in your life.