

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

Due: March 6th, 2022

## 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 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.

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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.

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### 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 Joe Miller for approval of these ideas if you are unsure if the service is suitable.

- **Maintenance work**, contact Bob Genlin @ (507)931-1628
- **Liturgy Team**, contact Lena Coe(lector, altar server, usher, etc.) or Barbara Frank (musician) or Heather Gilbertson (Life Teen Mass as musician) @ (507)317-1882, Joe Miller (Life Teen Mass as lector, altar server, usher, etc)
- **St. Peter Thrift Store**: contact Jennifer Schugel-Torres @ 507-931-1628
- **Church Cleaning**: typically before Christmas, watch the bulletin
- **Parish Festival**: September 19th

### Service Opportunities in the 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 Joe Miller for approval of these ideas if you are unsure if the service is suitable.

- **Vine** – fall yard work – contact (507)387-1666
- **Salvation Army in Mankato** - [salvationarmynorth.org/community/mankato/](http://salvationarmynorth.org/community/mankato/)
- **Options Pregnancy Center in Mankato** - [optionsmankato.org](http://optionsmankato.org)
- **Tutoring**
- **Helping a neighbor**
- **Visit a Nursing Home**
- **Treehouse Project** – contact Nancy Harmon (612)703-0659