

## ***Service Requirements for Confirmation Preparation St. Ann Catholic Church and School***

When we give ourselves to others, we live out our Catholic Christian faith. Requiring service as part of Confirmation preparation is really about leading hearts and minds toward stewardship. This places the focus less on "requirements" and more on living lives of service, recognizing Jesus in all persons and creation.

We are changing from the hour based system to an event based system. The goal is to make the service encounter more meaningful as well as to assist parents in finding appropriate service opportunities. This new approach is not solely based on the number of hours that a student volunteers but the type of experience, who he/she encounters and the impact that serving with and for vulnerable populations will have on the student.

### **Key Points about service as part of Confirmation Prep**

1. Service is required during both years of Confirmation Prep (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - a. 2 Events are required for Confirmation 1 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - b. 4 Events are required for Confirmation 2 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
2. Focus on the type of experience vs. the number of hours completed
3. Focus on actual interaction with people in need, not just indirect service (serving at a soup kitchen vs. bringing in cans of food)
4. Pre-arranged events will be available and updated regularly on our web site at: [www.stannbartlett.org/confirmation-prep-information](http://www.stannbartlett.org/confirmation-prep-information)
5. Events not pre-arranged by DRE are also accepted as long as they address all of the following:
  - a. The experience exposes the student to a population that they do not regularly encounter in their everyday lives and/or helps others who have a genuine need
  - b. The experience asks the student to give of his/her time and talent to help others
  - c. The experience encourages formation of service and stewardship as a habit and a way of life
  - d. The experience should generally last for several hours.

In order to make each service encounter more meaningful as well as to assist parents in finding appropriate service opportunities, we will provide multiple pre-arranged service events each semester. The schedule of pre-arranged service events will be available and updated regularly on our St. Ann website (<http://stannbartlett.org/confirmation-prep-information>).

The ultimate goal is to help our kids to learn more about the vulnerable populations in our community through interaction with them. We want to foster a culture of service, which begins with awareness that there are many people within our community that are less fortunate than we are. It is our privilege and duty as Catholic Christians to give of our time and talents to help.

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