January 11, 2022

Confirmation Preparation Requirements: Service & Essay

Service:

As part of your Confirmation formation, we invite you to offer your time for some service opportunities, on both an individual and family basis. Over the course of the year, please plan to work 2 events individually and 2 as a family unit. Please see the suggestions below to get you started. However, please don't feel limited by this list: you can elect to do any service work that is meaningful to you, and that helps the community. If you're not clear about anything, please contact Laura Balogh directly at lbalogh@ndcarmel.com.

Note: Over the course of the year, you will need to notify Laura via email with the details about how you have fulfilled your requirement, i.e., dates, cause, location, details about the work you did.

Suggested Ideas (But please feel free to come up with your own ideas!):

Individual Activities (2 events)	Family Activities (2 events)
Help with **Food Rescue**: 3rd week of each month food collection *3 teens* needed on that Sunday, after the *11:30 am* Mass, to load the Interfaith Food Pantry truck. Contact: Patty Gant patricia.gant@verizon.net	Clean out your closet, garage, basement or attic; sort and bag unwanted items; bring to Market Street Mission in Morristown, or Howard's Mission in Cedar Knolls.
Clothing Drive: *7 students* needed on the drop off donation days for clothing, which will be held once every two months. Check the website for dates. Volunteers should arrive by 8:30 am and will be done by 11 am. If interested, contact: Patty Gant patricia.gant@verizon.net	Register as a family to help with **Hospitality** at weekend Mass; *see the weekly Flocknotes or website for more information on registering.*
Help out **Family Faith Formation** with younger children in scheduled Faith Formation events Contact: Diane Byrne: dbyrne@ndcarmel.com	Does your family love to garden? Work as a family planting and harvesting produce for the underprivileged in the **Hanover Community Garden**. Produce grown there is donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Contact: Bob Hinck: rhinck1111@aol.com
Volunteer to help with the **livestreaming** of the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass.	

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Contact: Father Alex:fralex@ndcarmel.com	
Do you enjoy photography? Volunteer as a photographer for our parish events. Contact: Laura Balogh: lbalogh@ndcarmel.com	
Are you a talented singer or play a musical instrument? Please consider volunteering your vocal talents as a cantor in our **Joyful Noise Children's Choir** at the 9:30 am Family Mass. Contact: Teresa Elko: teresine@optonline.net	
Are you tech-savvy? Help with uploading and/or scanning old parish photos Contact: Laura Balogh: lbalogh@ndcarmel.com	

Due Date for Service: April 30, 2022

Confirmation Essay:

Please write a 100 word minimum essay on ONE of the following:

- What service are you planning to do this year for your Sacrament? How does giving back to the community enhance your own personal faith life?
- Who are you choosing as your Confirmation Sponsor this year and why? Also what Confirmation Saint name are you selecting and why?

Due Date for Essay: November 15, 2021, send via email to Laura Balogh, lbalogh@ndcarmel.com