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## SERVICE PROJECTS

Jesus always lived as one who served the needs of others. We have been called by Jesus to love our neighbors as ourselves and to reach out to those in our immediate community and beyond. The service projects help candidates become aware of people they can help personally, as well as deepen their awareness that they have the capability to help others.

The Confirmation Staff requests a minimum of **TWENTY FIVE HOURS** of volunteer non-paid service by each candidate outside of their home **this year to be completed by 4-18-18.** Service projects can be to neighbors, the parish, the school during non-school hours, local and parish food drives, or to a variety of other people who need assistance. If you choose to be a server for St. Cecilia, you may count half of those hours as service. **At least half of your hours should be providing assistance here in our parish of St. Cecilia. Additional hours should be served outside of our parish.** It is our joy to bring the love of Christ to all people in the community. There may be exceptional times when assisting one's family in an unusual circumstance can count as service hours, but normally service is different from home and family responsibilities or ordinary chores. **Please note that Babysitting will NOT be counted as Service Hours.**

You will notice that these are suggested limits; you may certainly provide more hours of service both to the parish and to the community. Those who have a regular rotation on the Altar Servers' schedule, for example, will more than likely complete their Parish hours very quickly. But we do want to encourage you to engage in other activities in the parish, as well, whenever possible.

Confirmation Service Report Forms are included with the forms in the side pocket of your folder.