**Service Hours Requirement:**

Service is a wonderful way to witness the love of Christ in the world. We are all called to be Christ’s hands and feet in the world and to be God’s love in action. Service helps us not only be Christ to others, but also provides us the chance to see and reflect on Jesus present in the hearts of those that we serve. In light of how wonderful service can be for everyone involved, we are asking that each Candidate complete their service requirement ALONGSIDE either their sponsor or at least 1 parent (this is a requirement). This is imperative as the Candidate does not walk his or her faith journey alone and needs to be guided by and accompanied by those in his or her life. As well, this is for practical reasons, many organizations require that an adult over the age of 18 be with any volunteers who are minors, so if the Confirmation sponsor is 16 or 17 years-old, please check with the organization ahead of time to see if they can act as “chaperone” for the Candidate.

In order to promote service opportunities that are fruitful and reflective, we are requiring that each Candidate complete at least 1of the following service activities **per preparation year** (at least 2 activities completed total and **must not both be completed in the same preparation year**), for example: First service activity completed in 7th Level with Catholic Charities and second service activity completed in 8th Level with St. John of God School.

1. St. John of God/Archbishop Damiano School
	* Contact: Marissa DeLuca
		+ Email: mdeluca@sjogcs.org
		+ Phone: (856) 848- 4700 Ext. 1131
2. Ronald McDonald House
	* Sign-up to lead an activity or cook a meal at RMH in Camden here: <https://ronaldhouse-snj.org/get-involved/volunteer/meals-activities/>
3. Habitat for Humanity
	* Salem County Website: <https://habitatsalem.org/>
	* Gloucester County Website: <https://gc-habitat.org/>
4. Catholic Charities
	* Both Salem County and Gloucester County: <https://catholiccharitiescamden.org/volunteer/>
5. Food Bank of South Jersey (or any food bank)
	* <https://foodbanksj.org/donate-time/>
6. Nursing Homes
	* Call your local nursing homes to see what their volunteer policies are
7. Family Promise
	* Family Promise of Gloucester County Website: <https://www.familypromisegc.org/help/volunteer-opportunities/>
	* Check the parish website for weeks that we host Family Promise- sign-ups can be found there during those times!
8. TopSoccer, Special Olympics, or any program that assists youth with special needs:
	* TOPSoccer NJ Website: <http://www.njyouthsoccer.com/topsoccer>
	* Special Olympics NJ Website: <https://www.sonj.org/find-local-program/camden-gloucester-salem-counties/>
9. The Angels Community Outreach
	* Website: <https://angelsofgod.org/>
	* Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheAngelsCommunityOutreach/>

 11. Code Blue of Salem County

* + Website: <http://www.cohmbc76.com/code-blue.html?fbclid=IwAR2FWZi4tS15GQwJLOHL23g3YoqumVDcKmGOrCGl0tjJUxrxjnow3UNozbs>

12. Soup Kitchens: unfortunately Cathedral Kitchen does not allow for volunteers under 16 years old, but there are other soup kitchens in our area just a Google search away!

These are pre-approved activities, if you have an idea that is not found on the list, but would fit in amongst this list, please have your activity approved before using it for your reflection. Each candidate with their sponsor or parent (whoever completed the service alongside with them) will complete a reflection of the service activity that was experienced. \*Please see reflection worksheet\* **A worksheet will need to be handed in for each activity completed**!