

*Sacred Heart Church
Faith formation Office
720 Merrick Ave
North Merrick, Ny 11566
ctannehillshc@gmail.com*

Dear Parents:

This year, your child will begin the preparation for Confirmation. As your child will be learning this year, this sacrament will complete his/her initiation into the Catholic Church as he/she will become an "adult" in the faith, ready to take on and fulfill the promises you made for your child when they were first baptized as Catholics.

As a member of the Catholic Church and in following the example and teachings of Christ, we are constantly called to serve our brothers and sisters in need. In the Gospel, Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt. 25:40). Therefore, as part of the preparation for Confirmation and in responding to Christ's call to service, each candidate will be required to complete ten (10) hours of "direct" community service during this catechetical year.

These ten (10) hours of community service (8 to the community and 2 to the church) will need to be completed, and all paperwork documenting the hours must be submitted no later than **March 17, 2027**. Attached is some information regarding what will and will not count as "direct" community service for your child's Confirmation, as well as the paperwork and process involved in reporting the service hours they do. It is our hope that in performing service to people in need right in our community, each candidate for Confirmation will have the opportunity to grow in their faith, become men and women of virtue, and develop the practice of serving their neighbor.

By sharing their time and talents with those in need, they hopefully will receive more than what they give and deepen their awareness of our call as Catholics to live as disciples of Christ and to share what we have in service to others.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Carol

The following are examples of activities that will be accepted as community service for Confirmation:

- Distributing food to the less fortunate (for example, at a shelter, home, or soup kitchen)
- Tutoring special needs or exceptional children for free
- Caring for disadvantaged children or elderly people (i.e. special needs camp, nursing home, etc.)
- Visiting the sick in a hospital or nursing home, etc.
- Assisting in a program at a school, library, camp, etc. designed for those with special needs (i.e., children with physical, mental, learning, or emotional disabilities) or the disadvantaged
- Donations of food through an organization
- Any form of business or office work (i.e., filing papers, etc.)
- Any fundraising activities for an organization (i.e., a walk, run, festival, etc.)
- Babysitting or caring for a sick or elderly person.

As Community Service opportunities arise, I'll send an email.

*Sacred Heart Church
Faith formation Office
720 Merrick Ave
North Merrick, Ny 11566
ctannehillshc@gmail.com*

COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM – Grade 7 (Due no later than 3/17/2027)

Student' Name _____ Catechist: _____

Date of Service: _____

Type of Service: _____

What I learned from this: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Date of Service: _____

Type of Service: _____

What I learned from this: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Date of Service: _____

Type of Service: _____

What I learned from this: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Date of Service: _____

Type of Service: _____

What I learned from this: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Date of Service: _____

Type of Service: _____

What I learned from this: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Date of Service: _____

Type of Service: _____

What I learned from this: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Date of Service: _____

Type of Service: _____

What I learned from this: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____