

St. Anthony of Padua Confirmation Candidates

WORKS OF MERCY

*As we serve God in the person of our neighbor,
we encounter Christ.*



“Christ has no body on earth but ours,
no hands, but ours, no feet, but ours.

Ours are the eyes through which
the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world.

Ours are the feet with which
He goes about doing good.

Ours are the hands with which
He blesses His people.”

-St. Teresa of Avila

The Corporal Works of Mercy *(from Matthew 25:35-46)*

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish the sinner.
4. Comfort the sorrowful.
5. Forgive injuries.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

1. All human life is sacred. The basic equality of all people flows from their dignity as human persons and the rights that flow from that dignity.
2. The human person is the principle, the object, and the subject of every social group.
3. The human person has been created by God to belong to and to participate in a family and other social communities.
4. Respect for the rights of people flows from their dignity as persons. Society and all social organizations must promote virtue and protect human life and human rights and guarantee the conditions that promote the exercise of freedom.
5. Political communities and public authority are based on human nature. They belong to an order established by God.
6. All human authority must be used for the common good of society.
7. The Common good of society consists of respect for and promotion of the fundamental rights of the human person; the just development of material and spiritual goods of society; and the peace and safety of all people.
8. We need to work to eliminate the sinful inequalities that exist between peoples and for the improvement of the living conditions of people. The needs of the poor and vulnerable have a priority.
9. We are one human and global family. We are to share our spiritual blessings, even more than our material blessings .

Works of Mercy Service Requirement For Year 2 Confirmation Candidates

Traditionally Confirmation Candidates have been required to perform a designated number of service hours during their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In an effort to help candidates understand the importance of service as a natural part of living our Catholic faith; we will shift from tracking hours to identifying the gifts and talents each Candidate possesses and encourage them to discover where God may be calling them to serve.

Please carefully read the instructions stated below:

- Read and understand the Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching
- Use the Works of Mercy as a guide to recognize ways in which to implement them in your everyday life.
- Pray that God will open your eyes to the opportunities that present themselves (maybe that friend who is being bullied in school is an opportunity for you to “comfort the sorrowful”)
- Make volunteering for at least one established service organization or parish ministry part of your experience this year (Serving as an Usher, Lector, Altar Server, Joining the Music Ministry, Assisting Faith Formation, Vacation Bible School, Teen Assistant, Food Pantry worker, Catholic Daughters of America, Knights of Columbus Squires, etc.) See “service opportunities” in the Bulletin or Parish website or sent through Flocknote)
- **Submit your completed Works of Mercy form by March 9, 2022.**