

***Christ gives his people different gifts not only for themselves but for others. Each must serve the other for the good of all.***

## **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Requirement**

Christian service requires that we listen to God and respond to His call. We listen to God by first being in touch with our own feelings, listening to God's Word, by listening to others and by being open to the experiences around us. As we listen, we become aware of how we can be of service to those around us.

Listed below, you will find some ideas of how we can be of service in our home, school, parish and community. Over the following months, you are to make special efforts in being of service to others and take time to reflect on the service that you have done. The attached sheet is to be completed and returned each trimester on the assigned due date. Service is to be signed by the person for whom the service was rendered. The dates to return these sheets will be given in religion class. If the service log is not signed by the individual who rendered the student's service or by the student's parent, full credit may not be given and it may have an effect on the student's final Religion grade.

**At Home:** Do some specific work that is **NOT** part of your daily chores. Offer help to younger brothers and sisters with homework. Perform tasks you normally do not normally volunteer to do, but tasks that would be of help to your parents and other family members.

**At School:** Become aware of the needs of your teachers and others in the school. Help and cooperate with special school projects before or after school.

**Our Parish/Community:** Help with parish sponsored events. Visit the elderly and help them with yard work, shopping or cleaning. Be of assistance to parish sponsored clubs such as Family School Association and Athletic Association.

**\*All service must be first approved by a parent or guardian.**

**Seventh Grade-** Students in seventh grade must complete at least **five** hours of service each trimester. These service hours may be from any of the above listed categories. Of these five hours of required service each trimester, **one** hour served for the student's family may be counted towards the **five** required hours, and the remaining **four** hours must be hours in which they service their parish/community. **\*A maximum of two service hours served at athletic events will be accepted each trimester towards the completion of the required service hours.**

**Eighth Grade**- Candidates for Confirmation must complete **eight** hours of service each trimester. These service hours may be from any of the above listed categories. Of these **eight** hours of required service each trimester, **two** hours served for the student's family may be counted towards the **eight** required hours, and the remaining **six** hours must be hours in which they service their parish/community. **\*A maximum of two service hours served at athletic events will be accepted each trimester towards the completion of the required service hours.**

**\*In order to ensure that the students seek out diversified service opportunities, a maximum of TWO hours will be allowed for each individual service experience.**

Being a servant has been modeled by Jesus himself. Christian service is more than fulfilling a requirement for the Sacrament of Confirmation, religion class, or just the opportunity to be praised for a good deed. Christian service is allowing other people to see Jesus in you.