

GRADE 8 SERVICE REPORT INFORMATION

The service component is always a part of Confirmation preparation, but service is a life-long commitment for every Christian. As followers of Jesus we are called to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Great Commandment: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”* – Luke 10:27

The New Commandment: *“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”* – John 13:34

Everyone in the Church is linked to everyone else, especially to the people who are suffering, poor and persecuted. In these people we can most closely see Jesus, who suffered and died for us. When we reach out to others in need, we are doing what Jesus did and what he told us to do.

In St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians (4:11), Saint Paul tells us the gifts God gave were “that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.” God gave each person different gifts and because of the diversity of these gifts, the Church is able to build God’s Kingdom in many ways and places. The gifts of every member is needed. Take notice of the different gifts used in our parish and in your school.

Jesus told a story about the Last Judgment. In this story, the people are surprised to hear Jesus say that they are going to be rewarded for helping him on earth. They wondered when they had helped him.

“...Just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40).

DIRECTIONS:

1. Use the information above to guide you as you prepare your service report.
2. You should devote at least ten hours or more to service.
3. If you need service, check the parish website, stelizabeth.org, look under “Youth” tab.
4. **Thoughtfully** answer **all** of the questions below (not more than two pages, **typewritten**).
5. Be sure to include your first and last name.
6. Have one of your parents sign your worksheet.
7. Return your Service Report to your catechist on the date indicated on the Religious Education calendar. If you attend Catholic School, you may email it to Mrs. Calabrese. If you are doing HOME STUDY, bring it to your meeting with Mrs. Calabrese.
8. Do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Calabrese if you have any questions (mcalabrese@stelizabeth.org).

QUESTIONS:

1. **What did you do?**
2. **Why did you chose to serve in this way?**
3. **What is your gift or talent that you can bring to the Church?**
4. **Why do you think serving others helps us live out our faith?**

5. How will you try to make service a part of your life?

