

ST. MARK CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: **SERVICE**

All candidates for Confirmation are required to give of their time and talents so as to learn that the acts of service are a regular part of our daily living of the Christian Way of Life as taught in the Gospels.

1. Candidates are required to fulfill the following three areas of service:

- 5 Hours of **MINISTRY** Service: service benefiting St. Mark Parish
- 5 Hours of **SOCIAL JUSTICE** Service: benefiting the less fortunate (i.e. the elderly, poor, hunger, homeless, mentally or physically ill, the chronically ill, the disenfranchised).
- 5 Hours of **COMMUNITY** Service: benefiting people or organizations in the greater Catonsville community/global arena.

2. Within 2 WEEKS of performing the service, Candidates must complete and submit a "Reflection on Service" paper for each service project. Hours without this form will NOT count toward the 15 hour total requirement. Forms may be

- mailed to Mrs. Finley or dropped off at her home
212 Park Drive
Catonsville, MD 21228
- Mailed to or dropped off at the parish center, St. Mark School, or Religious Ed.
- Scanned and emailed to fran@procomgt.com or rclegg@stmarkchurch-catonsville.org

3. Service must be completed from Jan 1, 2011 to Dec 18, 2011

- **10 hours** of service must be submitted by **Sept. 1, 2011**
- **15 hours total/5** in each category, must be submitted no later than **Dec. 18, 2011** including active SJ service

Contacts:

Fran Finley (410) 719-6651 or fran@procomgt.com

Rae Ellen Clegg (410) 744-6560, ext. 231 or rclegg@stmarkchurch-catonsville.org

Why service?

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And, the King will say to
them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least
brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25: 37-40*

Ideas for Service Projects

MINISTRY

Candidates need to contribute at least 5 Ministry hours in service benefiting St. Mark Parish (Not School Events).

Help with Vacation Bible School-usually the first week after July 4th

Space is limited. Must be able to work the entire week...watch bulletin in the Spring for sign up info. Fills up quickly!

Summer Stretch

Tri-parish summer program for middle school youth combining service and fun in our local area. **Dates/times: July 25, 27, 29, and August 1, 3 and 5; 8:30 am -5:00 pm.**

Summer Stretch concludes with a Hershey Park trip. Contact Wayne Hipley @ 410-566-6152 or whipley@comcast.net. Registration is necessary; fee.

Preschool/Children's Liturgy of the Word peer helper: 9 am Sunday mass: candidate must be willing to volunteer on a rotating basis for the entire school year. Call Anne Kidwell: 410-744-6560

Music Ministry: Choir (11 am mass), Cantor. Must make a one year commitment (Labor Day to Memorial Day). Weds. night Rehearsals. Call Parish 410-744-6560 for more info.

Ushers/clean up for Sunday 5 pm mass; begins in September with a rotating schedule for entire school year (parent/s must be willing to supervise on a rotating basis also). Contact Fran Finley or Rae Ellen Clegg.

Become an Altar Server and serve at Masses. Training required as well as commitment to continue after service hours complete. Contact Nora Reiter 410-744-6560 x 235

Clean up the Church: April 22, 2011: Good Friday 10 am- noon

Parish Blood Drive

Held in September and April; help watch children of those giving blood; hand out snacks/OJ to donors. Next drive **April 16, 2011** 8:30 am -2:30 pm

Make Our Daily Bread Casseroles. Counts as 45 minutes of service. Max of 2 ½ hours towards Ministry Service. 2nd Friday of every month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Knit or crochet a shawl or lap robe for those who are homebound, have had surgery or a baby.

Call Mrs. Sue Wilson @ 410-747-7561

Pastoral Ministry

Make *Get Well/Thinking of You*/birthday/holiday cards for the homebound or sick for a pastoral care minister to deliver. **Prior approval required by Ms. O'Connell.**

Call Beth O'Connell 410-744-6560 x 233 for details.

Make Giving Tree Tags/Sort and load giving tree gifts

Look for notice in bulletin/web site in November.

Church Food Drives

Pack up/deliver food from the Thanksgiving and Christmas food collections.

Contact the parish Social Justice Committee to sign up 410-744-6560

Stella Maris International Seafarers Center

Help collect and distribute clothes for international seafarers coming through the port of Baltimore. A helping and learning outreach experience!

Contact Msgr. John FitzGerald 443-690-2447

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Candidates must **contribute at least 5 SOCIAL JUSTICE hours** which **MUST** include at least one experience with **direct contact** with those need (i.e. serve the meals at a soup kitchen; visit/entertain the elderly, directly assist the physically or mentally disabled).

St. Joseph's Assisted Living

1222 Tugwell Rd.

Catonsville

Transport wheelchair bound residents to/from bingo/social activities and to daily 9 a.m. mass; kitchen/grounds help; visit/read to residents

Contact Sr. Christina or Sharon Grace @ 410-747-0026

Brightview Assisted Living

912 Rolling Rd.

Catonsville

Contact Volunteer Coordinator @ 410-788 5001

Help with Bingo every Thurs 6:30 p.m., Sat. 1:15 p.m.

Other activities available. Under age 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

St. Martin's Little Sisters of the poor

601 Maiden Choice Lane

410-744-9367

Paradise Assisted Living

6348 Fredrick Rd.

Catonsville

Contact Volunteer Coordinator @ 410-744-8433

My Brother's Keeper

4121 Fredrick Rd.

Irvington

410-644-3194

Soup kitchen

Night of Peace

Shelter for women/families

7509 Windsor Mill Rd., Woodlawn

410-922-4357

Beans and Bread

402 S. Bond Street

Baltimore 21231

Contact Volunteer Coordinator 410-732-1892x111

Must go with an adult

Catonsville Cold Weather Shelter

Spring Grove Campus, Catonsville

Local temporary shelter; prepare and serve meals to the hungry

410-853-3000

My Sister's Place

Prepare and serve meals in a women's shelter

Cathedral St.

Call Jackie Reid 410-261-6762 or jreid@cc-md.org

Our Daily Bread Casseroles

Counts for 45 minute of service (max 2 ½ hours)

2nd Friday of every month

Catonsville Emergency Food Ministry

1 Newburg Ave

Catonsville

Contact Volunteer Coordinator John @410-747-4357

St. Vincent de Paul

120 North Front Street

Baltimore 21202

Help set-up, serve and clean up meals for the homeless/poor. Hours available weekly. 410-962-5078.

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COMMUNITY HOURS

Candidates need to contribute at least 5 Community hours in service benefiting the local and global community. Cannot be paid for service!!

Carry Sponsor Banners at the Catonsville July 4th Parade

Must be at Montrose Ave by 1:30 p.m. on 7/4. Ends at Fredrick Rd. & Bloomsbury Ave. Earn 4 hours of service.

Volunteer at the Catonsville Arts and Crafts Festival

Sept. 2008 (usually the first Sunday after Labor Day)

Contact Catonsville Chamber of Commerce 410-719-9609

Volunteer at Lurman Woodland Theater for summer concerts.

Contact Baltimore County Dept of Recreation and Parks 410-887-1071

Volunteer at Christian Athletic Association

410-747-7920

Volunteer to umpire or assistant coach younger players; work the snack bar (must have adult supervision); help with clean up days

Volunteer with the Catonsville Men's Civic Assoc. Activities

July 4th games, Easter egg hunt, etc.

Call Gary Bernhard 410-744 5501 or 410-788-3973

Volunteer at LIGHT HOUSE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

60 Mellor Ave.

Catonsville

Maintaining the building, yard work, painting, group work

Contact Linda@ 410-788-5483

Maryland Council for Special Equestrians-Patapsco Horse Center

Fredrick Rd.

Call Terry or Tina 410-418-4300 (leave a message to schedule your time)

Ronald MacDonald House: plan an activity night

635 West Lexington Street

sandy@rmhbaltimore.com

more info: <http://www.rmhbaltimore.com/how-to-help/volunteer/>

MD Special Olympics 410-789-6677

Adopt-a platoon

www.adoptaplatoon.org or www.soldiersangels.org

Call Mary Scavilla at 410-788-3572 or mescavi@earthlink.net for more info

Organize/Participate in a stream clean-up or Trolley Trail clean-up

Volunteer to run a booth at your school's Fall Festival/Carnival

Help younger scout groups

Help Teachers with their end of the year classroom clean up

Volunteer to assist with swimming classes at a local pool

Volunteer at races in the area

Help with set-up, clean-up, handing out water...

YMCA race, Race for the Cure, Arbutus Fire cracker race, Believe in Tomorrow, Jimmy K....

Set up a free babysitting service for parents to go "back to school" shopping, etc.

Help at community events....including school or neighborhood activities; check out the Catonsville Times, St. Mark website and bulletin, The Catholic Review and other local publications for volunteer opportunities.