

*St. Mary Parish
8246 E. Main St.
Alexandria, KY 41001
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Dear Parent,

This is a very important year for our Confirmation candidates! Much preparation is involved for anything truly significant, and we want to get you ready right away regarding all that is in store in the upcoming months.

In addition to Insights and LETS (explained on the enclosed flyer), the youth are required to serve others as part of their Confirmation preparation. Service is a key component, as it teaches youth the importance of following Christ's example to serve. We ask that you talk with your teen about the importance of serving (seeing a need and responding to it with or without being asked).

Three hours of direct service to the poor are required. This means the youth must have 3 hours of direct contact/eye-to-eye contact, whether it's at the Drop Inn Center, Hosea House, Be Concerned's Christmas Store, etc. Often these opportunities allow youth to experience Christ's love and light. It can be difficult to arrange time during the school year to serve at an agency, so summer might be a good time for this. It is your teen's responsibility to work with you and the agency to arrange their experience.

In addition to the three hours of direct service, we ask the youth to serve in these areas as well:

- family
- community
- parish/school

Your son/daughter will be asked to fill out three reports (October, November, and December) on his/her progress in these areas. Your teen will be asked to note both the service accomplished and his/her response to reflective questions.

Please contact Jenn Ledonne (jenn@saintmaryparishyouth.com or 635-4818) if you have any questions regarding service requirements or if you need ideas for service.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this year, which holds so much promise from the Holy Spirit for your teen!

Continued blessings!