

# OUR LADY OF HOPE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## CONFIRMATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

### GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICE

This service is done during the year and is on your class schedule. Simply stated, many hands make light work. It is done in the fashion of “barn raising.” We will be working as a group sorting the food baskets for the poor, after the November group class, helping with fellowships such as First Penance (January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018), selling poinsettias before the holidays, etc.

### INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

In order to gain some practical experience, and learn how to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, each student must perform **a minimum of ten** hours of community service. Christian Service must be done for families, community, and church. The services for the church are Hospitality Helpers, First Penance, or poinsettia sale. It is the role of each Confirmation candidate to *recognize* a need in their community and *respond* to it. While it is the student’s responsibility to seek out and complete this service, it is important to explain that often times, people come to Our Lady of Hope asking for help. The Religious Education Office will maintain a constant list of all requests. We receive requests from the PTA and other organizations for assistance. We pass this information on to our Level 8 catechists. However, this is for the candidates information and use. Please watch the bulletin for bake sales or Rosary Society events. These present a wonderful opportunity for service hours. Community Service can also be fulfilled by assisting our catechists on Mondays, Tuesdays at 4:00 and 5:15 and on Thursdays at 4pm. Please contact the religious education office to volunteer to work as a catechist assistant. If you wish to volunteer to be a Junior Lector please contact Sue Buffolino or if you would like to join our Children’s choir please contact Ray Henderson.

**Community services that would not qualify: Household chores that *should* ordinarily be done, babysitting siblings, going to work with a parent to assist at their job, projects or service done under the auspices of another group** (Boy Scouts, National Junior Honor Society), etc. When in doubt, common sense should prevail. If a student can explain a clear need and how they can fulfill that need, and they honestly believe that they are, then it is valid.

ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE MUST BE COMPLETE BY **March 1, 2018**. Please submit the forms to the Religious Education office by the due date. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 334-4781. Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Wednesdays 10:30 to 3:30pm. We are closed on Fridays.

**Due Date: Week of March 1, 2018 Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

## Community Service Commitment Log Sheet

*Please keep track of your service hours on this sheet and submit when you reach 10 hours. Make sure the adult in charge signs your log sheet so you get credit for the service you have done.*

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