

# Saint Mary Church

One Church Square, Franklin, MA

# Confirmation Preparation Program

## Works of Mercy and Service

### Confirmation Candidates General Requirement

All Confirmation Candidates (student) are required to complete a minimum of 20 *points* of Works of Mercy or Service before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Works will be recorded and signed on the *Log and Points Worksheet*. It will be the Candidate's responsibility to complete the log and obtain signatures from the contact person and parent. Once completed, they are to be hand delivered at class or emailed to the Confirmation Director at [confirmation.director@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:confirmation.director@stmarysfranklin.org).

### Works (Ways to show Charity to Others)

Complete 20 *points* of Works of Mercy or Service in Categories A and B, for a minimum of 1 work in each. Works in Category A earn 2 points for each hour performed. Works in Categories B and C earn 1 point for each hour performed. Works in Category C are optional with a limit of 10 points allowed.

If the Candidate has any question of what category a Work is classified in, please email the Confirmation Director at [confirmation.director@stmarysfranklin.org](mailto:confirmation.director@stmarysfranklin.org) before commencing the Work.

**Special Small Group Leader (SGL) Service:** Those Candidates receiving the training and performing the duties of a Small Group Leader for all 12 classes in Confirmation 1 and 2 will receive 1 point for each hour serviced in training and class time. There is no requirement to perform any other Works in Categories A, B or C below unless 20 hours (points) are not achieved.

### **A. Category A: Corporal Works of Mercy**

**Points: 2 points for each hour performed.**

Requirement: Complete a minimum of 1 work in this category.

What are Corporal Works of Mercy? Assisting and aiding someone in need which may include feed the hungry, visit the sick, and clothe the naked to name a few. For more information, reference the [US Conference of Catholic Bishops – The Corporal Works of Mercy webpage](#).

Examples: Nursing home or Children's hospital visit including playing games and music; Distribute food for the hungry through a food pantry; Assist a wounded warrior in an event; Collect and distribute clothing to a homeless shelter; Habitat for Humanity; Yard cleanup for the Elderly; Assisting at the Senior Center.

### **B. Category B: St Mary Works of Service**

**Points: 1 point for each hour performed.**

Requirement: Complete a minimum of 1 work in this category.

Examples: Perform the duties of an Altar Server, Usher, Lecturer; Decorate the church for Easter or Christmas; Hand out materials after Mass; Assist Saint Vincent de Paul Society's charitable events; Changing Missalettes.

Sources: Parish bulletin, Parish website ([www.stmarysfranklin.org](http://www.stmarysfranklin.org)).

### **C. Category C: Community Works of Service**

**Points: 1 point for each hour performed.**

Limitations: A limit of 10 points (10 hours) total in this category.

Examples: Helping a scouting project; Helping at the Public Library; Assist coach for grade school recreation league teams; Teaching a dance class; Help at an Animal Shelter; Work at a Fund Raiser.

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## Confirmation Candidate Log and Points Worksheet

Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

#	Date	Cat	Org / Agency	Description of Work	Org / Agency Signature	Hours	Points
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
Attach additional worksheets as necessary.						TOTAL	

### Verification

By signing below, I certify that I have completed the Works described above for the dates and total hours recorded.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I certify that my child has completed the Works described above for the dates and total hours recorded.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Mary Confirmation Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_