

# Community Service

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Information for  
Parents/Guardians and Students

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the Confirmation preparation all students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are required to complete Christian service. Students in grade 6 are required to complete 5 hours of community service by the end of grade 6. Students in grade 7/8 are asked to complete a total of 20 hours prior to Confirmation. In addition to the 20 hours of service, grade 7/8 will be required to compose a five paragraph essay on their service experience.

All Christian service work must be documented by using the service form provided. Due dates for service will be in the spring of grade 6 and a date to be announced prior to Confirmation. Please note grade 7 students will not hand in their service hours until they are in grade 8, prior to Confirmation.

The CYO is a great way for students to find acceptable projects. Below is a list of acceptable projects; however there are many more ways to earn service hours.

Examples of acceptable community service projects:

- Any Jr. CYO service project, contact Mr. Santucci at [santucci@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:santucci@stbenedictnj.org)
- Altar Server for Mass
- Help in the Religious Education program, contact Denise Contino at [contino@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:contino@stbenedictnj.org)
- RAINE—any project RAINE offers is accepted.
- St. Vincent DePaul society – help out monthly with the collection of Sunday food bags, bake goods for the pantry, organize your own food collection for the pantry.
- Knights of Columbus monthly pancake breakfast
- Handing out bulletins to parishioners after each Sunday Mass.
- Work at any food bank
- Assist seniors with chores in your neighborhood
- Baby-sit for someone who needs help
- Parish Fair -- St. Benedict Catholic Church and School
- Assistance with a PTA/PTO in any school.
- Helping out "Light the Candle" a non-profit that makes birthday cards for children in group homes. Contact [Jordan@lightthecandlenj.com](mailto:Jordan@lightthecandlenj.com) for more information

A comprehensive test will also be given at the end of grade 6 and prior to Confirmation. Teachers/catechists will provide the students with a study guide.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mrs. Denise Contino  
Director of Faith Formation  
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**Grade 6 St. Benedict Community Service Record**  
**Year: 2017 - 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle one that applies) Religious Education / St. Benedict School  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF HOURS	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	Signature of Supervisor/email or phone

TOTAL HOURS: _____	<i>Parental Signature: By signing this, you certify that all information included in this record is correct.</i>
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**This form MUST be returned by April 25, 2018**

## St. Benedict Service Guidelines Grade 6-8

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy will be our guide for Christian Service.

### **Corporal Works:**

Feed the hungry  
Give drink to the thirsty  
Clothe the naked  
Shelter the homeless  
Visit the sick  
Visit the imprisoned

### **Spiritual Works:**

Instruct the ignorant  
Counsel the doubtful  
Admonish the sinners  
Bears wrongs patiently  
Forgive offences willingly  
Comfort the afflicted  
Pray for the living and the dead

- Parish based service is encouraged. There are many opportunities throughout the year to help at parish events such as Altar Serving, children's choir, handing out bulletins after Mass, Parish Carnival, Knights of Columbus breakfast, Food pantry and any activity where the parish is looking for assistance.
- Keep track of your service on the other side of this form. Only the supervisor directly responsible may sign off for you. Be sure to bring the form with you whenever you are doing a service project.
- Parents/Guardians must sign the bottom of the form before it is submitted.
- There can be no monetary compensation for your service.

Service forms are due in the Religious Education office no later than February 11, 2018 for Grade 8. Grade 6 forms will be due on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Any questions or concerns, please call the Religious Education Office at 732-264-4712 X24 or email Carol Cesario, Administrative Assistant at [cesario@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:cesario@stbenedictnj.org) or Denise Contino, Director of Faith Formation at [contino@stbenedictnj.org](mailto:contino@stbenedictnj.org)