

Confirmation Guidelines for Service to the Poor or Vulnerable

Purpose- Guardian Angels Church requires all Confirmation candidates to complete one service experience to the poor or vulnerable as a way to demonstrate or express our faith in the world. The letter of James teaches us “faith by itself, if it has no works is dead.” (James 2:17) We emphasize service to the poor or vulnerable in order to follow the example of Jesus who often reached out to the outcast and marginalized people of his day including tax collector, lepers, the blind, the lame, and the poor. He proclaimed his mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, restore sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.”(Luke 4:18-19)

Who is Poor or Vulnerable?

Homeless people
Low-income people
The poor around the world
Pregnant women and the unborn
Immigrants and minority cultures
The elderly or sick
Physically or mentally challenged people
Young children
Chemically addicted
Others...

Organizations/ideas to complete this service include

Feed My Starving Children- meals for the poor see www.fmssc.org
Bridging- furniture for low income at www.bridging.org
ARC Value Village- proceeds for the disabled at www.arcsvaluevillage.org
Hallie Q. Brown-foodshelf, clothes, kids at www.hallieqbrown.org
Habitat for Humanity- affordable housing at www.tchabitat.org
Union Gospel Mission- homeless at www.ugmtc.org
Listening House- Drop in center at www.listeninghouse.org
Common Bond Communities- affordable housing at www.commonbond.org
Catholic Charities for Dorothy Day Center or Family Services Center at www.cctwincities.org
East Metro Place- low income families at www.emwc.org
Senior Centers- Maplewood Care Center 770-1365 or Serenity Care at www.cerenitysenior.org
Life Care Center East- pregnancy resources at www.lccr.org
Hospitals- St. John's, St. Joseph's or United, Children's etc.
Guardian Angels Church- Summer Stretch, Community Garden, Mission Trip, Hope the for Journey Home Shelter etc. (contact Paul Deziel on how to get involved)

Your Service Must Be...

Total at least two hours
Not directed at a family member or relative
Documented using GA Service Form by Sept 1

