

**Church of St. Peter Confirmation Program
Service Experience Reflection Form**

Name _____

Date of service _____ Length of Service (Times) _____

Place of Service _____

Check who Service was primarily for:

Outside Parish Community _____ Parish Community _____

Signature of supervising adult _____

Phone Number or E-mail of supervising adult _____

Category of Service Experiences from Catholic Social Teaching:

(Check one below and see back side for more information about each of these themes so you can refer to them in your reflection below.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1) Dignity of the human person | <input type="checkbox"/> 5) Protects dignity of workers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2) Nurtures community | <input type="checkbox"/> 6) Creates solidarity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3) Safeguards basic human rights | <input type="checkbox"/> 7) Cares for the environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4) Serves the poor or vulnerable | |

Describe the direct service you did and how others benefited from it.

Describe how you benefited from this service experience.

(What did you learn, how did it affect you, what did it make you think?)

Office Use: Outside Service Experiences _____ Total Time
 Inside Service Experiences

Description of Catholic Social Teaching Themes

1) Dignity of the human person

Belief in the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all Catholic social teaching. Human life is sacred, and the dignity of the human person is the starting point for a moral vision for society. This principle is grounded in the idea that the person is made in the image of God. We work for the dignity of the human person by making sure all humans are granted basic rights and freedom from violence and oppression.

2) Nurtures community

Human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community. Human dignity can only be realized and protected when relationships within the wider society are healthy. The obligation to "love our neighbor" has an individual dimension, but it also requires a broader social commitment. Everyone has a responsibility to contribute to the good of the whole society, to the common good.

3) Safeguards basic human rights

Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency – starting with food, shelter and clothing, employment, health care, and education. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities -- to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

4) Serves the poor or vulnerable

The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members. We take special care for the poor because it is an essential part of society's effort to achieve the common good. A healthy community can be achieved only if its members give special attention to those with special needs, to those who are poor and on the margins of society

5) Protects dignity of workers

For when people work, they not only alter things and society, they develop themselves as well. They learn much, they cultivate their resources, they go outside of themselves and beyond themselves. Therefore, workers not only want fair pay, they also want to share in the responsibility and creativity of the very work process.

6) Creates solidarity

We are one human family. Our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences. Accumulating material goods, and technical resources can hurt the dignity of the human person if there is no respect for the moral, cultural, and spiritual dimensions of individuals.

7) Cares for the environment

The goods of the earth are gifts from God, and they are intended by God for the benefit of everyone. We have a responsibility to care for these goods as stewards and trustees, not as mere consumers and users. How we treat the environment is a measure of our stewardship, a sign of our respect for the Creator.