

**St. Edward the Confessor Parish**  
**Office of Faith Formation**  
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**Christian Community Service for Middle School Students**

- Each year students are required to put their faith into action through Christian Service to others.
- Students should spend **at least 10 hours of service each year** to their fellow man.
- **No less than 30 hours** are required before they celebrate their Confirmation in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, keeping in mind that we continue service to others beyond Confirmation, just as Jesus taught us by His example.

***Christian Service is considered help provided to those in need and is spread out amongst family, neighbor, Church, and the civic community without compensation.***

Below is a ***partial*** list of suggested area organizations that students are encouraged to research in order to make selections as to where they would like to volunteer their services; not all allow students to volunteer at their location but you may be able to help them in some other way. Parents/Guardians must take responsibility for providing supervision/guidance for the students.

- The public schools (tutoring/mentoring/special programs & events)
- Local public libraries
- The Community Service Club
- New Fairfield Senior Center
- The Volunteer Center – Serving Western CT ([www.volunteerdanbury.org](http://www.volunteerdanbury.org))
- American Red Cross
- American Cancer Society
- United Way of Fairfield County
- Anne’s Place, Home of I Can
- Catholic Charities
- Knights of Columbus
- Girl & Boy Scouts
- Area Nursing Homes
- Area Hospitals
- Dorothy Day Hospitality House in Danbury
- Morning Glory Breakfast Program (748-0848, ext. 231)
- Food pantries
- Animal Rescue Programs
- Hospice of Western CT
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish, i.e., **Faith Formation** (classes for younger grades, sacramental prep programs, Jesus Stocking, Vacation Bible School, Dorothy Day Sandwich-Making); **Social Concerns** ministry (food/book drives); various opportunities in other ministries.

It is the responsibility of each student to complete and document all the Christian Service he/she has done on the Service Report Form which includes hours, description of service and authorized signature & phone number of the person/group serviced. A copy must be submitted with the student’s Confirmation packet at the end of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please read the Church bulletin to keep informed of service opportunities available. The bulletin can also be found online at: [www.saintedwardchurch.org](http://www.saintedwardchurch.org). If you have questions regarding the eligibility of a particular organization, please call the Faith Formation Office at 746-4270.

*Thank you.*

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