



Christ the Redeemer Youth Ministry

Confirmation I Requirements

1. All Confirmation I Students must be at least a freshman in high school.

- a. Must have completed the 8th grade requirements (good class attendance, 3 total service projects and 1 retreat).

2. Must attend Mass on a weekly basis and have good attendance

- a. All absences (whether excused or unexcused) must be made up by watching the video and completing the corresponding worksheet found on the Encounter page of the youth website [www.ctryouth.com].
- b. **No more than 2 absences per semester.**
- c. If your child must leave early, a CtRYM Early Release form must be completed and turned in at the check-in desk at the beginning of Encounter. Forms can be found on the website or at the check-in desk each week.

3. Parents must attend Coffee with the Core Team on October 16th

- a. Coffee with the Core Team will take place from 7-8:30p.m. in the Parish Hall. This night provides an opportunity for you to connect with your child's small group leader.

4. Attend either the Fall or Spring Retreat: December 1 - 3 or April 13 - 15

- a. Cost is \$165. Registration for each retreat closes the Friday two weeks prior to the retreat or when all spots are full. Registration will open on October 2nd and can be completed online at www.ctryouth.com. Fee is non-refundable and non-transferable if you cancel less than two weeks prior to the retreat.
- b. In order to receive credit, students must attend the entirety of the retreat. Students will ride the bus from CtR to the retreat center and back; parents are not allowed to transport students.

5. Complete 4 Total Service Projects

- a. Service projects should reflect the teachings of Christ such as the Beatitudes, Corporal Works of Mercy, or the Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- b. There needs to be at least 1 project of each type: Ongoing and Occasional, with the total being 4 projects.

6. All paperwork must be turned in no later than July 31, 2018

- a. Students are responsible for knowing what they have turned in and how many projects they have left to complete.
- b. Students must turn in a copy of their Baptismal certificate; if not done in 8th grade. Must turn in even if your child was baptized at CtR, and we cannot request a copy.
- c. Please keep the originals of the service forms for your records and turn in copies.

7. Must adhere to the Encounter dress code [see attached sheet]

- a. For the Teaching Mass, please wear dress pants, a button down shirt; ladies skirts need to sit just above the knee or longer and shoulders need to be covered.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SERVICE

WE COUNT PROJECTS, NOT HOURS

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston does not require a certain number of hours, but rather a certain number of projects.

Students can have any combination of types of service projects as long as **at least one each year is an ongoing project.**

Students may choose any type of project, as long as they fulfill the requirements set forth by the project supervisor.



HOW MANY PROJECTS DO WE NEED?

8th Grade

3 total projects

At least 1 project must be an ongoing project.

CONFIRMATION I

4 total projects

At least 1 project must be an ongoing project.

CONFIRMATION II

5 total projects

At least 1 project must be an ongoing project.

WHAT IS SERVICE?

Service is something we do by sharing our love of Jesus Christ with others who may or may not be as fortunate as we are. We serve as a reflection of the love and blessings we have received from God and our families. It is your opportunity to show that we believe in Jesus and what He taught us by our actions and deeds.



WHAT COUNTS AS SERVICE?

- Something you do for others in which you do not get paid or are otherwise compensated (receive a grade, reduction in dues, etc.)
- Projects do not have to be done at Christ the Redeemer.
- We take the service you do for things like NHS or Key Club!
- **Ongoing Service Project:** a project that requires a greater commitment over a longer period of time. Each project is different, so the time commitment will vary.
- **Occasional Service Project:** something you do once for at least two hours.
- **Examples of Ongoing Projects:** involvement in mass (greeter, server, etc.), Religious Education helper, sponsor or mentor for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens (RCIT), Vacation Bible School.
- **Examples of Occasional Projects:** volunteering at the Spring Festival, visiting an assisted living facility, tutoring, babysitting, cutting grass.
- Babysitting, chores and other things done for your own family do NOT count as service.
- Students may do the same service project each year, but not the same project within the year. For example students can volunteer at VBS for an ongoing project for each of the 3 years. Students should not volunteer at a camp for 4 straight days and use those as 4 occasional projects within the same year.



Still have questions? Contact Stacie McKay, the Youth Ministry Office Manager. She will be happy to answer any and all questions.

Dress Code

Since we are a Catholic Church, we ask students to dress modestly in order to provide a less distracting atmosphere for prayer and discussion. Not all public schools have the same dress code so here is ours in pictures. When in doubt, wear something else. We respect the right to ask students to change either at youth group or on trips.

Please wear shorts of appropriate length: When you place your arms down at your side, your middle finger should still be touching shorts.

YES



NO



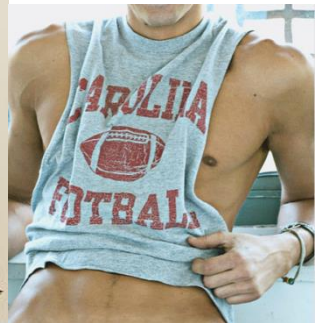
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NO



NO



Please wear shirts that cover all undergarments and cleavage: Please no crop tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, cutouts, or sports bras showing. Gentlemen please wear sleeves

YES



NO



NO



NO



Please wear real pants, not exercise pants: Please no leggings, jeggings, yoga pants, or tights. Please no holes above mid-thigh or cut outs.