

Confirmation Service Reflection

As a part of your Confirmation preparation you are asked to reflect on your service experience in light of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. The following seven themes have been articulated by the USCCB. Each CST Theme has questions(s) to help you write a brief reflection. Please choose two themes that directly relate to your service and write your reflection.

Please turn in your reflection with your service hours – No later than 3/3/2024.

If chosen, and you consent, your reflection could be read to the year one Confirmation Candidates as part of the year one Service & Solidarity Retreat.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

- How has your service helped you come to a greater respect for the dignity of each individual?
- What does it mean to recognize the sacred dignity of each person we encounter?
- What in our society oppresses people or prevents them from living with dignity?

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

- How has your service project helped you come to a greater recognition of those pushed to the margins of society? How might they be better welcomed to participate in society?
- How do the relationships we have established during our service free people to more fully be a part of the community?
- In your group of friends, what labels are used to divide and distance you from one another? What can you do to repair that damage?

Rights and Responsibilities

- How has your service made you more aware of the basic rights of individuals?
- What obligation do you as an individual and we as a society have to make sure that the rights of all are met?
- Do you feel that society empowers/enables those whom you serve to make decisions for themselves regarding issues by which they are most immediately impacted? (Subsidiarity)

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

- In light of your service, do you believe our nation/state/local community has a great enough concern for the plight of the poor? Why/not?
- What do we learn about how God calls us when we tune into the cry of the poor? What do we discover about God through the poor?

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

- How has your service helped you to understand better the importance of work and the rights of workers?

Solidarity

- How has your service project brought you to a greater recognition of our interrelatedness as human beings?

Caring for God's Creation

- How has your service project brought you to a greater understanding of environmental issues and the impact they have on the poor and vulnerable?