

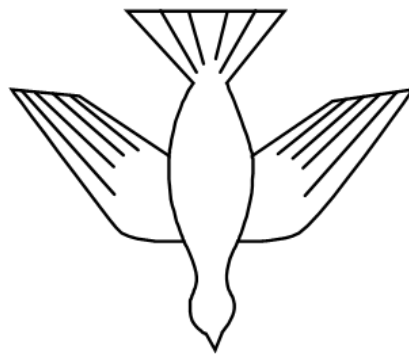
*Church of Saint Pius X*

**7th Grade**

**Pre- Confirmation**

**Community Service Program**

**2019 - 2020**



*The Spirit Gives Life*

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**Candidate's Name**

# **Church of Saint Pius X**

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Confirmation Community**

### ***Service Formation Program***

This is a very special year for our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students. It is the beginning of their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. This year 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be encouraged to be more involved in activities and Community Service within our Religious Education Program and Parish. One of the goals of preparing our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation is to empower them to transform the world as disciples of Jesus Christ by living and working for service and charity.

Involvement in community service can meet many of the special needs of early adolescents, including the necessity:

- ◆ To develop a sense of competence, testing and discovering.
- ◆ To discover a place for themselves in the world, and to create a vision of a personal future.
- ◆ To participate in community/parish projects with tangible or visible outcomes.
- ◆ To know a variety of adults, representatives of different backgrounds and occupations, including potential role models.
- ◆ To have freedom to take part in the world of adults, but also to be free to retreat to a world of their peers.
- ◆ To test a developing value system in authentic situations.
- ◆ To speak and be heard, to know they can make a difference.
- ◆ To achieve recognition for their accomplishments.
- ◆ To have opportunities to make real decisions, within appropriate limits
- ◆ To receive support and guidance from adults who appreciate their problems and promise.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Confirmation candidates will be encouraged to participate in several Service/Action opportunities as a form of introduction to the more rigorous requirements of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade year of Confirmation preparation. Service activities will meet multiple needs of early adolescence and, are therefore, an essential and dynamic aspect of a Confirmation Program. The program seeks to offer properly planned service opportunities that can provide an avenue for meaningful participation, which builds competence and self-image responding to the Gospel message to serve one another. Serving others and discovering the reality of life can be a powerful experience for young people who need support, guidance and recognition.

# Why we need to prepare and follow-up the Community service experience?

## Preparation

Preparing the pre-confirmation candidates for community service is essential for their positive growth and further development of their faith. Through engaging in concrete activities our students will have opportunities to put their faith in action. They will gain valuable experiences both inside and outside of Church community which will lead to a deeper understanding of Jesus' love for us through their own service to God.

Prior to each group service activity, classes will spend time discussing the activity and purpose of each in order to:

- ◆ Focus the activity in the context of faith and discipleship.
- ◆ Sensitize Pre-Confirmation candidates to the needs and realities of those they will be serving.
- ◆ Raise an awareness of the message conveyed through actions and attitudes while serving. Comments and actions to a youth at home or school may be misunderstood and/or offensive in the service setting.
- ◆ Train and develop necessary skills for the specific project.
- ◆ Develop a spirit of community and cooperation.
- ◆ Establish an understanding of expectations and guidelines for behavior/participation and outline the processes of conflicts if they arise.
- ◆ Identify roles and responsibilities of leaders and participants.

## Processing

The processing and follow-up to the actual service/action project is essential. The purpose of the follow-up is to:

- ◆ “Unpack” the experience and process what people are thinking and feeling about their involvement, and what they learned as a result.
- ◆ Allow questions and concerns to be identified and discussed.
- ◆ Reflect on scripture and faith issues of justice, love service, dignity, etc. as they apply to a specific experience.
- ◆ Share insights and learning from the experience.
- ◆ Identify future needs and responses.
- ◆ Celebrate the work done, service provided, and community built through the efforts of the project.
- ◆ Evaluate the service/action project and make recommendations for future involvement, expansions, and changes.

# *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Confirmation* **COMMUNITY SERVICE & GROUP ACTION**

The Church of Saint Pius X Religious Education Office closely supervises the programs of community service that are required for Candidates.

## **1. REQUIREMENTS:**

**A. Mass Attendance**— It is a requirement that ALL 7<sup>th</sup> grade students attend Mass regularly. Students can find the Mass attendance slip in the Sunday bulletin each week. Each student will sign their name on the appropriate slip and give it to the Priest at the end of Mass.

**B. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**—We encourage students to sign up for an hour of Adoration at least two (2) times during the school year. Adoration is on the First Saturday of every month.

## **2. COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

Pre-Confirmation Candidates are encouraged to participate in:

- ◆ At least one (1) INDIVIDUAL project
- ◆ At least one (1) FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT
- ◆ Two (2) GROUP projects

### **A. Individual Projects**

#### *Church of Saint Pius X Angel Giving Tree Project*

Help pack up gifts collected for the Angel Tree during the Advent season to be distributed to children who are less fortunate than others.

December 22, 2019 after the 12:00 NN Mass (last day-pack up)

Contact: Religious Education Office      914-472-5594 or [stpiusxreled@yahoo.com](mailto:stpiusxreled@yahoo.com)

#### *Altar Server (Girls & Boys)*

**A full year commitment** to serve at Masses on Saturday Evenings, Sundays, Holy Days (especially during Holy Week) Easter, Christmas & New Year's Day. Training is required.

Schedules will be made for your preference of Mass to serve.

Contacts: Fr. Joselito C. Ramos, AM      914-725-2755 or [stpiusxreled@yahoo.com](mailto:stpiusxreled@yahoo.com)

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### **B. Family Service Project**

Each Pre-Confirmation Candidate's family is encouraged to do at least one local service project either within the Parish or the community. Sign-up to help at parish events such as:

- ◆ Hospitality Table after 10:30am Mass each Sunday  
Contact: Religious Education Office      914-472-5594 or [stpiusxreled@yahoo.com](mailto:stpiusxreled@yahoo.com)
- ◆ Family Bingo Night-March 6, 2020 7:00-9:00pm (Parish Hall)  
Contact: Religious Education Office      914-472-5594 or [stpiusxreled@yahoo.com](mailto:stpiusxreled@yahoo.com)

- ◆ **Adopt-A-Family for Christmas**  
Each Student and their family can choose to purchase a gift and/or prepare a Christmas dinner basket for needy families in the St. Joseph and St. Gabriel Parishes Church in New Rochelle. Families can also sign-up to deliver the “goodies” to each family.

Contact: Aurelie Ferrara

914-490-6371 or erriemandie@aol.com

### **C. Group Projects**

#### ***Hope Soup Kitchen “Brown Bag Lunch” Preparation***

Students will help provide and prepare bagged lunches including sandwiches, fruit and juice and help distribute to needy men and women at the Hope Community Soup Kitchen in New Rochelle. Monday, February 24, 2020 3:00 - 6:00pm

Contact: Aurelie Ferrara

914-490-6371 or erriemandie@aol.com

#### ***Saint Patrick’s Day Bake Sale***

Students will be selling baked goods after all Masses in order to raise funds breakfast run.

Students can sign-up to bake at home (individually wrapped cookies, brownies, cake, cup cakes or bread) and drop off their baked goods by 4:00 pm Saturday, March 14, 2020 and Sunday, March 17, 2019 (dropped off half an hour before mass time at the Narthex (Church Entrance) and/or sign-up to sell baked goods after all Mass.

Contact: Aurelie Ferrara

914-490-6371 or erriemandie@aol.com

#### ***Breakfast Run***

Students and their families will prepare hot breakfast food, drop it off by 7:45am at the rear of the Church (Ramsey Road) by the kitchen door to the Parish Hall and/ or drive with adults in caravans into NYC to distribute the food and interact with the homeless.

Saturday April 4, 2020 (9:00am—11:00am)

Contact: Aurelie Ferrara

914-490-6371 or erriemandie@aol.com

Erin Myron

914-420-3139 or jmyron@verizon.net

### 1. Family Project

Adopt –A-Family at Christmas December 15, 2018. Purchase gifts and/or Christmas dinner for needy families in New Rochelle. Deliver “goodies” to a family.

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Signature

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Group Project

Hope Soup Kitchen Lunch Preparation. Monday, February 24, 2020 (3:00 PM—6:00 PM)  
Prepare bagged lunch: deliver to Soup Kitchen.

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Signature

St. Patrick’s Bake Sale Saturday, Sunday—March 14-15, 2020  
Sign-up to bring baked goods and help sell items to the Parish community after each mass.

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Breakfast Run Saturday, April 4, 2020 (9:00am—11:00am)  
Sign-up to prepare food or distribute food and clothing in NYC  
Drop-off 7:45am Parish Hall

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Signature

### 3. Other Service

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_

***SAINT PIUS X CONFIRMATION PROGRAM***  
***PRELIMINARY CONFIRMATION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS***

*Please answer these questions to the best of your ability*

1. Please describe your prayer life. How do you pray? How often? If you do not pray, why not?
2. What does the Sacrament of Confirmation mean to you? Why do you want to be confirmed? What difference do you think that it will make in your life?
3. Please describe a significant experience in your Religious Education Program. Why was it significant?
4. Looking back over the past years, how have you grown in faith? Please be specific.
5. While you prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, do you know what the Church is asking of you? Are you willing to commit to this request?
6. What does receiving Eucharist mean to you?
7. What gift or talent have you been given from God? How do you see yourself sharing your gift with the community & the Parish of St. Pius X?
8. Do you have questions or needs with relation to preparing to celebrate this sacrament?

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Church of Saint Pius X*  
Religious Education Program

Important Information for  
7th Grade Pre-Confirmation Candidates and Families

7th Grade Ministry Sunday & Commitment Service	<b>Sunday, November 3, 2019</b> 12:00nn Mass
Pre-Confirmation Candidate Interviews	<b>Monday, November 4, 2019</b> During class
Adopt-A-Family Community Service Project (New Rochelle)	<b>Kick Off: November 18, 2019</b> Delivery: December 14, 2019
Hope Soup Kitchen Lunch Prep and Delivery	<b>Monday, February 24, 2020</b> 3:00pm—6:00pm
St. Patrick's Bake Sale	<b>Saturday/Sunday</b> <b>March 14 &amp; 15, 2020</b> After All Masses (Narthex)
Breakfast Run (NYC)	<b>Saturday, April 4, 2020</b> 9:00am - 11:00am (Drop-off 7:45am-Parish Hall)
Closing Mass—All R.E. Classes	<b>Sunday, May 17, 2020</b> 10:30am Family Mass