

## **2017/2018 Confirmation Service Projects**

Parish Projects: (Choose one)

### **St. Francis' Little Friends Childcare**

Youth volunteers would need to commit to this volunteer opportunity which takes place during the 10am Mass at St. Francis Church for the coming school year. We currently have two teens committed but would like more so that you could alternate weeks. Two teens are required to be present each week. Think about volunteering, it's a fun and easy way to earn community service hours and spend time with our youngest parish members. For more information contact Mrs. Barbetta Cullen 792-8684.

### **Babysitting during the Adult Coffee Hour**

Starting on Sunday September 24, 2017 there will be an Adult Coffee Hour for all parents of religious education students during class times on Sunday mornings. We are looking for some teenagers to play with their other children (that aren't in class at that time). This will be from 8:50am-9:50am or 10:50am-11:50am. Contact Mrs. Cullen if you are interested in helping.

### **High School Leadership Team**

As a member of the High School Leadership Team, you will commit to attending 1-2 meetings per month during which you will be an active member on planning and executing high youth events for the youth of St. Francis Parish. Those selected for the team exemplify the life of Jesus through their own actions and words. Members of the leadership team are active and committed to supporting youth ministry events. All high school students are eligible to apply for a spot on the leadership team, however, not all will be selected. Contact Mrs. Castro.

### **Religious Education Teacher or Aid**

Youth who volunteer to teach or assist teachers for Religious Education will commit to 25-30 meetings of religious Education classes for children in grades K-6. Contact the Religious Education Office at 792-8684.

### **First Communion Retreat Team**

Youth volunteers participate as helpers during the First Reconciliation Retreat held at the beginning of December, assist with the first Reconciliation reception, assist at the First Communion rehearsals and on the day of First Communion (which is generally held at the beginning of May). Team members are expected to arrive early to help with setup and cleanup after the retreat and at the First Communion day.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Youth volunteers for Vacation Bible School will be responsible for set-up, implementation of, and cleanup of VBS. They will need to be available days leading up to VBS for preparing the decorations and during the VBS week (usually held the first week after school finishes in June).

### **Altar Serving**

Youth who participate in the ministry of serving at the Altar during Mass will serve as part of their regular schedule. Servers are expected to exhibit upmost reverence during the Mass.

### **Pasta Dinner**

Youth volunteers participate as helpers during the pasta dinner which will be held on Friday, October 6, 2017. Teens will assist with the setup for the dinner as well as to help serve the meal and cleanup at the end of the evening. If you are interested in helping please contact the Religious Education Office at 792-8684 by September 25, 2017.

### **Advent Wreath Workshop**

Youth who participate in this ministry will help advertise, cut greens, plan the workshop, as well as participate in the setup, operation and cleanup on the day of the event. The actual workshop will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Please contact the Religious Education Office by November 22, 2017 if you are interested in helping.

### **Buy Nothing Coat Drive**

Youth who participate in this ministry will help advertise and organize for the coat drive, as well as help to collect coats leading up to the day of the coat exchange. On the day of the drive you help setup, run and cleanup at the coat exchange. This drive takes place on Friday, November 25th at 10am in Helen Bouchard Hall. Contact the Religious Education Office by November 1, 2017.

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Youth who participate in this ministry will help advertise, prepare the tags, collect the gifts after Mass for two weekends at St. Romuald and St. Francis and prepare them for distribution. Contact Religious Education Office at 792-8684 by November 1, 2017.

### **St. Francis Cemetery Gate Keeper**

Our parish cemetery is maintained by parishioners. Each day the gates to the cemetery are unlocked so family members can visit their loved ones. Youth who participate in this ministry would be required to lock the gates at the end of each day. The gates are closed at 7pm from Memorial Day – Columbus Day and at 4pm the rest of the year. This is a yearlong commitment. If you are interested in helping please contact Carol McDole at 782-2711.

### **St. Romuald Breakfast**

Youth volunteers participate as helpers during the Matunuck breakfast which will be held on Sunday, August 20, 2017 from 8am-noon. Teens will assist with the setup for the breakfast which is held on Saturday morning of the same weekend. They are also expected to arrive early on Sunday to serve at the breakfast and cleanup at the end of the day. If you are interested in helping please contact Ellen Schwab at [jeschwab@cox.net](mailto:jeschwab@cox.net).

### **First Communion Assistant**

Youth volunteers participate as helpers during the First Communion rehearsal which will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and on the day of First Communion which will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Teens are expected to arrive early to help with setup and cleanup after First Communion.

### **Praise Music Ministry**

Have you been given the gift of music through voice or instrument? Join the Praise Music ministry. You will be responsible for serving as worship leaders at Masses and Adoration that are scheduled during the year. Rehearsals occur on a weekly basis. Contact Mark Castro at 783-3924.

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### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Youth volunteers participate as helpers during the annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 9am-noon. Teens will help load the eggs with candy during the week before the event and also assist with the setup, the execution and the cleanup for the Easter egg hunt on the actual day under the guidance of Mrs. Barbette Cullen. If you are interested in helping please contact Mrs. Cullen at 792-8684

Additional projects may arise during the year. These will be sent via an email from the Religious Education office.

Community Service Project Suggestions:

Organizing a coat drive and working at the Coat Exchange over Thanksgiving weekend

Volunteering at Nursing homes or hospitals

Helping elderly neighbors or parishioners rake leaves, shovel snow etc...

Helping at the Johnny Cake Center

Special Olympics

Habitat for Humanity

Charity Walks or runs

RICAN

Pumpkin glow

Good Friday Walk For Hunger in Providence