

Sponsor/Candidate: Service/Volunteer Experience
To be completed by: October 1, 2008



*As disciples of Christ we are called to walk in his footsteps by leading a life of service. Since God marks each of us differently with our gifts, talents, and treasure we each have a unique way of serving others. The challenge lies in recognizing, and using, our gifts, talents, and treasure as a source of serving others. This Confirmation preparation provides both candidate and sponsor with an excellent opportunity to explore your gifts, talents, and treasure. Our candidates in fact spent a few weeks in April doing just that! During this session help your candidate focus on ways that he or she can be of service to others by using his or her gifts, talents, and treasure. The goal: to help us realize that responsible Christianity implies a commitment to a **lifetime** of service to others.*

1. Choose a service/volunteer experience to work at together during the summer or early fall. Describe how you feel about going into this activity. Excited? Uncomfortable? Nervous?

2. After your volunteer experience, spend some time together reflecting on how it felt to be in ministry in this particular situation. Was your experience what you expected? What, if anything, surprised you about the experience? What was the most memorable part of the experience? Do you think you would do this again, even if it were not part of an assignment? What new things did you learn about ministry? How do you think the people you served reacted to your ministry. *How was God present in your experience?*

3. **Begin & close your session with prayer, asking God to bless you in your ministry to others. Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or a spontaneous prayer.**

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