

## Preparing for Confirmation

### Quotes about their Christian service from the young people confirmed in January 2010

#### How the candidates served and some reflections on being servants:

- Served meals at Good News Soup Kitchen
  - *I gave them a friendly smile, hope, and love.*
  - *I love going and feeding those less fortunate than me. It is a very satisfactory job and I enjoy it immensely.*
- Made bead memory bracelets for mothers who lost a child at birth
- Bought gifts and raised money for residents of Northwestern Settlement House
- The Night Ministry: Soup Suppers, baking cookies, making soup
- Worked and played games with mentally disabled children at Miseracordia
- Adopt a family – raised money to buy gifts
- Helped with the games at the parish Harvest Day
- Fixed up a local community garden and picked up trash.
- Singing Christmas carols for the elderly.
- NURTURE: teaching underprivileged kids the importance of good nutrition.
- *The most important thing I've learned about myself is that there is a lot I can do to help others.*
- Pumpkin Fest: helped with children's activities at this community event.
- *Doing service is being close to God and being more like Jesus because he thought only of others (especially the less fortunate and outcast).*
- Northwestern Settlement House Foundation:
  - served Thanksgiving Day dinner to those who would otherwise have gone without.
  - 5K walk-a-thon
- *Being a Christian is being like Christ. Christ serves, so I must serve.*
- *As part of my preparation for Confirmation, I read about how many Saints served other people and how many Saints had their lives changed by following the teachings of Jesus.*
- Assisted with Children's Liturgy of the Word: *I chose to take part in a Gospel teaching program where I helped explain Gospel passages to young kids during Sunday Mass.*
- Ushering for Mass
- *Doing service has changed me by creating habits that were not there before. You get a feeling inside that you are changing others' lives and it feels great. I learned that I enjoy doing service more than I thought I would.*
- Catholic Charities Thursday Night Suppers
- *I've learned that I can take some time out of my day to serve others, no matter how busy I think I am, and that I should be thankful for all that I have.*
- Inspired Youth Tutoring
- *We help other people to return the favor to God for helping us.*
- Adopt-a-Family parish project
- Collected supplies to sent to our troops overseas
- *There are people all around us who need help and so many people struggle for food and shelter everyday.*
- Organized a towel drive for Christensen Animal Hospital
- Organized a book and clothing drive for a Catholic Church in Mexico
- *(About the people served)- I learned they were very hard-working and good people. They try to do their best.*
- *I've decided to continue serving: throughout the summer I will be helping the mentally challenged with sports activities (through the NSSRA).*
- Collected clothes from family and friends for donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

- *Being a Christian is more than saying you are one, or praying. Helping others demonstrates that you are a Christian.*
- Together with sponsor, gathered items for a re-sale shop whose profits benefit Shore Community Service (group home for persons with special needs).
- Mother Theresa Soup Kitchen
- Project Rafiki: developing a relationship with schoolchildren in Africa
- Support Our Soldiers: sent care packages to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Religious Education aide for a class of younger children
- Made dinner for residents at Boys' Hope and Girls' Hope
- Hour of Power (swimming) to fund raise for cancer research
- *I learned that I really enjoy service, and I feel closer to God when I do it.*
- Made scarves for the homeless
- *I found through this process that service is not only good for others but it is also good for the soul.*
- Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen
- Helped build and paint a not-for-profit health clinic which caters to people of low income
- *I know that after Confirmation I will continue to volunteer for activities that help people less fortunate than me because volunteering this way is how you spread the words and faith of God.*
- New Trier Food Pantry
- Made purses for women who are homeless
- Made blankets for babies at The Cradle
- *I had the wonderful experience of being an altar server ...Being up that close to the priest was truly amazing because it gave me a new way of hearing what he was teaching and it was truly magical!*
- Fund-raising for Heifer International
- UMDF Walk for a Cure (Mitochondrial disease)
- *Without service, you really are missing out on something in life. I think service is a part of who you are and is a large part of what you become. By choosing to do service, you experience and learn something that will stay with you throughout your whole life.*
- *I learned that when I'm helping the less fortunate, it's easier to help them if I try to put myself in their shoes and see where they're coming from. Service is definitely an essential part of living a Christian life because God put us all in this world with an individual gift, and what He wants us to do is share that gift with others.*
- Played guitar for Mass
- *I have learned that I am good at helping others. I also realized that when I help someone, I want to help more.*
- *I learned how to fulfill the needs of others, which helps build our Christian community.*
- JDRF Walk (finding a cure for Juvenile Diabetes): *When I see younger kids with diabetes, it makes me want to pray for them and not just for myself because I remember when I was young with it, and I was so scared.*
- LEARN Charter School
- *Playing soccer with the kids at Misericordia was really a moving experience. It was amazing to see how nice the residents were to everyone, and how much they appreciate the little things in life.*
- Lectoring for Sunday Mass
- Helped clean and organize at the Franciscan House of Mary and Joseph (homeless shelter)
- Water for People
- Salvation Army
- *When doing service, I feel very good about myself and the people I've been helping in my community. I think maybe this is how Jesus felt when he helped people, and maybe even when He saved all of us by his death on the cross.*