

**This session's objectives:**

- To teach about the structure of the Confirmation Mass by describing the parts of the Rite of Confirmation and tying their symbolic actions to Scriptural roots and cultural meaning
- To foster an investment in missionary discipleship through a life of service for others
- To reflect on the meaning of the Christian service performed in light of each person's gifts and call
- To reach out in loving service to lonely or discouraged elderly in a local nursing home

**This session's program:**

1. **Name-tag pick-up; gather Service Hours and/or late Pastor Letters** 0-5 min 6:45  
Track A can share from journal p. 36-37 (assigned in early January), catechist's choice, Track B should just begin with Opening Prayer in the interest of having time for other things
  2. **Opening Prayer** ("Do Something," Matthew West) 5 min 6:50
  3. **Sent to Serve** (Rachel/Anne/Joe) 10 min 6:55
    - words of sending forth at end of every Mass - walking with 2 feet of Service & Justice
    - illustrate with injury from skateboarding accident: Tending to wound or Preventing another (responses based in Judgment or Fear are less helpful, as they do not address the injury)
    - brainstorming types of Service/Charity and Justice - Jubilee of Hope - give instructions
  4. **Service Reflection** (at tables/groups or individually) 20-25 min 7:05
    - reflect individually on service and share responses in your group or with the class
    - use *Reflecting on My Service* and *Two Feet* 2-sided handout
    - would you do this service again? What other ways to serve would you like to do?
    - each person's service forms & reflection sheets stapled together, **turn in at prayer space**
  5. **Service in Action: Valentine Craft** (at tables/groups or individually) 10-15 min 7:30
    - making cards as signs of God's love for the lonely patients at Balmoral Nursing Home
    - decorate with words of loving encouragement (see suggestions), drawings, cutouts, stickers
    - scissors, glue sticks, marker boxes, paper lace, additional stickers also available
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6. **The Rite of Confirmation** (Rachel/Joe/Anne) 15 min 7:45
    - go through Presentation of Candidates, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Chrism (a previous program or pages 88-90 of textbook)
  7. **Scripture for Hands and Anointing** (at tables) 25 min 8:05
    - each table reads Scripture passages on laying on of hands (Numbers 27:15-23 or Acts 19:1-6) and anointing (Leviticus 8:10-12 or 1 Samuel 9:26-10:1) as assigned
    - discuss the power of laying on of hands and anointing in the context of the passage: what did it mean to the people experiencing it?
    - on handout with hands: inside each hand (for each reading), write/draw what the sign meant
  8. **Reminders and Closing Prayer** ("Christ Has No Body" blessing) 5 min 8:25
    - **Fr. Jim Kaczorowski Loving Service Award** update [application out soon, due in April?]
      - open to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in RE or our Catholic schools, \$500 gift toward education expenses
      - apply, give references, reflect on service you've done, in the spirit of retired Pastor
    - watch your email and sign up for your **Confirmation interview** with a parish leader!
      - SignUpGenius launching this week, interviews begin as soon as next week
    - extend hands over each other in prayer to send one another forth to love and serve

**Homework & Reminders:**

- next class split: Track A next Mon 2/10 Track B next Wed 2/12 & Thurs 2/13 in Religion
- homework: **textbook pages 88-90** - sign up online for your interview!
- note upcoming evening retreat on Friday 2/28, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for all at St. Matthias!