

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/Paul/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)
 - brainstorm types of Service/Charity & Justice - connect to Jubilee years - 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/Paul) 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 Laying on of 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
Msgr. Jim Kaczorowski Loving Service Award reminders - \$500 for education expenses
 - Word document version of application now posted to parish website
 - open to Monday Conf Prep students in RE or 8th Graders our Catholic schools
 - apply, give references, reflect on service you've done, in the spirit of retired Pastor
 - sign up for your **Confirmation interview** with a parish leader if you have not already!
 - **guidelines for Confirmation Masses** (what to wear, confirm which Mass, etc.) coming soon
 - 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 2/9 *Track B* next Wed 2/11 & Thurs 2/12 in Religion
- homework: **textbook pages 88-90** - sign up online for your interview!