

This year, 2021-2022, due to the pandemic we (Dio of Norwich) ask that the number of hours be lifted for suitability for Confirmation. Each candidate is encouraged to do a service project at home and share that with the parish. Below we have offered some examples of what could be done:

Service Projects That Benefit the Environment

1. Plant a garden or tree where the whole neighborhood can enjoy it.
2. Pick weeds and clear debris and litter from common neighborhood areas.
3. If you do not have mandatory recycling, collect recyclables as a family.
4. Facilitate a seed or a plant exchange in your neighborhood. Young children can help deliver seeds and plants while older children can help with the gardening.
5. Make bird feeders for public places and keep them stocked with bird seed.
6. Paint rocks with Bible Quotes and put them throughout your neighborhood/town.
7. Create a habitat for wildlife. For example, owls love nesting boxes. Build one as a family and position it in an area where owls typically reside.
8. Make yard signs to promote care for the earth and nature.
9. If you see a tree that's in trouble, try to save it. Find out what's wrong with it and how to make it better.
10. Pick up litter in a designated area monthly.

For the benefit of seniors/ shut-in due to coronavirus

11. Adopt a "grand friend" and write letters or cards of support.
12. Make care packages of PPE's for the local nursing home.
13. Rake leaves, shovel snow, clean gutter or wash windows for a senior citizen.
14. Call and sing some songs to an elderly person you know
15. Make door decorations or room decorations for nursing home and mail them.
16. Social distance visit a senior or shut in who lives alone
17. Deliver meals to homebound individuals-leave them on the step.
18. Offer to pick up groceries for a senior citizen-leave them on the step.
19. Make yard signs for the shut-in or seniors to let them know you care.
20. Take a pet out for a walk of those who are not willing or able to go out.
21. Do art projects for people in nursing homes.
22. Video Conference call people you cannot visit

For the Benefit of Animals

23. Become a foster family for a shelter or rescue group.
24. Adopt a zoo animal virtually.
25. Make dog toys out of household items for the local shelter.
26. Collect and sort newspapers to donate to a local animal shelter.
27. Collect food and supplies needed for a local zoo, animal shelter or food bank.
28. Call a nursing home and see if you can bring your pet to a window for a visit.

Service Projects That Benefit Homeless or Struggling Community Members

29. Go through closets and donate unnecessary clothes to the needy.
30. Make first aid kits for homeless shelters.
31. Make care kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for homeless people.
32. Bake bread or cookies and deliver to the hungry or homeless.
33. Donate art supplies or lightly used toys to kids in a homeless shelter.
34. Clip and collect coupons to give to your local food pantry or homeless shelter.
35. Pack and donate food to a food bank.
36. Create a space in your garden to grow produce to donate to a food bank.
37. Bake a batch of muffins and deliver them to a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
38. Assist with sorting and organizing items donated to a homeless shelter.

Other Service Projects

39. Make lunch or dinner for frontline workers at hospital or ambulance centers.
40. Make signs of support for your front yard to support our frontline workers.
41. Send words of support and thank you notes to frontline workers the hospital.
42. Put packages of PPE's together for your parish.
43. Make Masks and give them to those who need them.
44. Help make signs with directions and information on how to best stay safe during the pandemic and give them to places to post.