

# St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Church

## Confirmation – Service Reflection

**Purpose:** For Confirmation, you asked to complete service with St. Alphonsus with the goal of helping you understand what it means to have a servant's heart. What does it mean to have a servant's heart? Sometimes serving others is not easy, especially those who we don't relate to or get along with. With a culture that is divided on almost everything, genuine love and service for others is a rare occurrence. Even Christians, who ought to be known for our love, are hesitant to serve. How do we fight these sinful thoughts and cultivate a servant's heart? Philippians 2:1-8 is a helpful place to turn!

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

There is a difference between simply *volunteering* and *serving*. In order to help you understand that your service goes beyond volunteering and completing specific tasks, you are asked to write a short reflection paper detailing the service you completed and what you learned from the experiences.

**Due: April 22, 2026**

Upload your completed paper to the link provided on the Confirmation Hub.

### Guidelines:

- Write in complete sentences and follow basic grammar rules.
- At least one paragraph (minimum of five sentences) is required per service event, meaning your paper should have *at least* five total paragraphs.
  - For those who completed a single, long-term service event: Write a minimum of one full page reflecting on your service.
- Double spaced, font size 12.
- Typed in Word or a similar program. Do not submit papers that were typed in a phone's Notes app.
- While reflecting on each of your service events, answer all of the following:
  - What is the service event you completed?
  - What tasks/responsibilities did you have?

- o What was your favorite part of serving at this event/in this capacity?
- o What did you learn/take away from this service?
- o Was there anything about your service that you could have done better or wish had gone differently?

**It is strongly recommended that you write your paper throughout the year, reflecting on your service shortly after completing it.**