

Saint Edward the Confessor
Service Opportunities 2011-2012

Overview

Congratulations on your decision to receive Confirmation through the Church of Saint Edward the Confessor!

This booklet has been compiled to give you some of the different opportunities available to you as you move to complete your service requirement. It is our hope that you will engage in a ministry that both suits your interests and challenges you to step outside your comfort zone. For this reason, this list has been divided according to the type of service involved; Ministry of Service, Ministry of Presence, and Church Ministry. This is not an exhaustive list, however, and you are encouraged to seek out a ministry which appeals to your individual gifts and passions. Be sure to check other ideas by me to ensure it will count towards this requirement.

REFLECTION REQUIREMENT:

After the service requirement has been completed students will be asked to reflect on their service. Forms will be available for pick up after classes or online (stedward-ma.org).

Ministry of Service

1. **Medfield Food Cupboard:** Volunteer to collect food in your neighborhood and stock the shelves at the Medfield Food Cupboard with the food you have collected. You will need to advertise your collection. Please contact Beth Eby at the Food Cupboard 508-359-4958 for more information.
2. **Community Servings** (<http://www.servings.org/index.cfm>): It takes a huge volunteer effort to prepare, package and deliver 30,000 meals to Community Servings' 725 clients each month. Based in Jamaica Plain, Community Servings serves individuals with terminal illnesses throughout the Boston area. Contact Susan Bernstein 508-359-3665 extension 203
3. **Old Colony Habitat for Humanity** (<http://oldcolonyhabitat.org>): Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to providing decent, affordable housing in partnership with families in need. The Old Colony Habitat for Humanity, located in Attleboro, is looking for help in a variety of areas as they serve 12 different communities. No prior experience is required. For information, contact volunteer@oldcolonyhabitat.org
4. **My Brother's Keeper** (<http://www.mybrotherskeeper.org/newsletter.htm>): This Christian-based organization serves the southeastern Massachusetts area by delivering furniture, household items and food, free of charge, to those who seek assistance. To join them in their ministry or for more information, contact Ryan Thorley at 508-238-7512 or rthorley@mybrotherskeeper.org.
5. **Snow Shoveling:** Medfield's Council on Aging gets many requests from senior citizens to help shovel their walkways in the winter. By simply clearing a path you can allow seniors to maintain their sense of freedom and independence. Contact Chris (chris.harrigan@ymail.com) with your address, phone and e-mail if you are interested in helping.
6. **Project Just Because** (<http://projectjustbecause.org>): Project Just Because seeks to help individuals and families who are having financial difficulties by providing them with the items they need, from toiletries to clothes to toys. Consider donating your time in their warehouse or look at other community services ideas on their website, <http://projectjustbecause.org/community-service/>. Call 508-435-6511 or e-mail pjboffice@comcast.net with your name, number and a message for information or to volunteer.
7. **Habitat ReStore** (<http://www.habitatmwgw.org/restore/>): Help Habitat for Humanity by volunteering at this unique shop in Worcester, MA. Habitat ReStore receives donations of both new and used merchandise, which it restores and sells at 50-90% off the retail price, providing quality goods especially for families who could not

afford them otherwise. Proceeds from the sales help to fund the construction of local Habitat for Humanity homes. **Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.** For more information, contact Debbi at debbi.moore@habitatmwgw.org

8. **Medfield Animal Shelter:** (<http://www.medfieldshelter.com/volunteering>): The Medfield Animal Shelter relies on its volunteers for its daily operation. Jobs include dog walking, feeding, cleaning, socializing with shy pets, laundry, and many more. **Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.** If you are interested, call 508-359-8989

Ministry of Presence

1. **Medway Family Shelter** (<http://www.smoc.org/index.asp?pgid=85>): Located at 17 Holliston Street, Medway, this facility is home to a number of families with children of all ages. Opportunities may involve baby-sitting, tutoring or just visiting with children. Contact the volunteer coordinator at 508-533-1487
2. **The Mustard Seed** (<http://www.mustardseed.com>): Help this wonderful Medfield-based organization serve needy children in Jamaica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Zimbabwe who are disabled and abandoned. You can volunteer with office work, mailings, media, etc. Contact Laura Doherty at 508-242-9622
3. **Thomas Upham House** (<http://www.rehabassociates.com/thomasupham/>): Assist by visiting with patients, delivering mail and flowers, performing light clerical work, helping at the front desk and filling water pitchers. Students interested should contact Nancy Johnston at 860-359-6050 to arrange a schedule.

Church Ministry

1. **Children's Liturgy Aide:** Enhance our children's experience of the Mass by helping with Children's Liturgy. All volunteers will be provided with necessary lesson plans and materials to teach the liturgy. They will provide training and make sure all volunteers feel comfortable with teaching the liturgy. Please contact Jen Mynahan at 508-359-9788 or jmynahan@comcast.net.
2. **St. Edward Religious Education Aide:** Mrs. Morisi (508-359-6150) needs help providing child care to the younger children of our religious education volunteer teachers. Please note that this is a weekly commitment until April break. Volunteers are needed for Mondays 4:15-5:15, Tuesdays 3:45-4:30, Tuesdays 5:00-5:45, and Thursdays 3:45-4:45

3. **Music Ministry:** At Saint Edward, we are fortunate to have two options available for you to share your musical passion, the Youth Choir and the Contemporary Music Group. Please contact Anne Marie David for further information (508) 359-5853.
 - 1) **The Youth Choir** represents a select group and is open to all singers in Grade 6 and up. The Youth Choir ministers on one or two Saturdays a month at the 5:00 PM Mass, as well as during special services throughout the year. Rehearsals are held an hour before Mass at 4:00 PM in the Church.
 - 2) **The Contemporary Music Group** serves at the 6:00 PM Mass on Sunday and at special services throughout the year. The group rehearses from 5:45-6:45 PM on Thursday evenings and at 5:00 PM before Mass on Sundays.

4. **Altar Server:** Be present in a unique way during the celebration of the Mass! Altar servers receive training to assist at weekend and Holy Day Liturgies. Contact Kathy Smith at kathyccb@comcast.net for more information.