## **SUGGESTIONS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS**

The purpose of a service project is to show the candidate's desire to make a serious commitment to Christ and his Church by serving others generously. Most candidates considered the Service Project the best part of preparing for Confirmation.

The wonderful aspect about service is that the rewards are tremendous! When we serve, we love, and we become less self-centered, less focused on our own selfish wants. The more we serve, the more we love and eventually both become a way of life.

People who serve are joy-filled, peace-filled people, who, in their service, come to see the face of God in those they serve. We want you to discover the joy of service!

Parents, sponsors, teachers, and the Pastoral Team may help candidates choose a realistic service project and encourage candidates to complete the service to which they commit.

The below are suggestions you may consider:

### **Home**

• Honour your parents by offering to help any way you can! Babysitting, cleaning, etc.

# **School**

• Teach, tutor or coach a team sport, hobby, or favourite subject, reading buddy, school lunch day, help set up in auditorium for various activities, join School Choir.

#### Church

• Serve as an Usher/Lector/Altar Server or serve at events contact:

Judi Kingry: sacristan@saintdominic.ca

• To volunteer in Youth Ministry contact: Michael Aguiar: michael@saintdominic.ca or 905-827-2373, ext. 303

## Community

- Rake leaves, cut grass or shovel snow, take out the garbage for the parish, neighbour or elderly person without getting paid
- Regularly telephone or write to an elderly or sick friend; babysit for a neighbour without getting paid
- Volunteer to tutor students in your school or through Kumon or Oxford Learning Center
- Organize a donation of food/goods to a Foodbank or St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Help/Coach a sports team, raise funds for charity, contact <u>www.oakvillegreen.org</u>,
   Parade, etc.