

Church of the Incarnation

Confirmation Preparation

Faith Journey

All information must be neatly completed on this paper.

Full Name (as printed on Baptismal Certificate) _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Church of Baptism: _____

Godmother: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Godfather: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Church you First Attended: _____

When did you start in a Religious Education Program or Catholic School? _____

What Parish Program or School did you attend? _____

A favorite teacher _____ Why? _____

Date or First Reconciliation: _____ Church: _____

Date of First Eucharist: _____ Church: _____

Special memory or funny story from either of these occasions: _____

Your Confirmation Name: _____

Why did you choose this name? _____

Confirmation Sponsor: _____

Why did you choose this person: _____

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SHEET

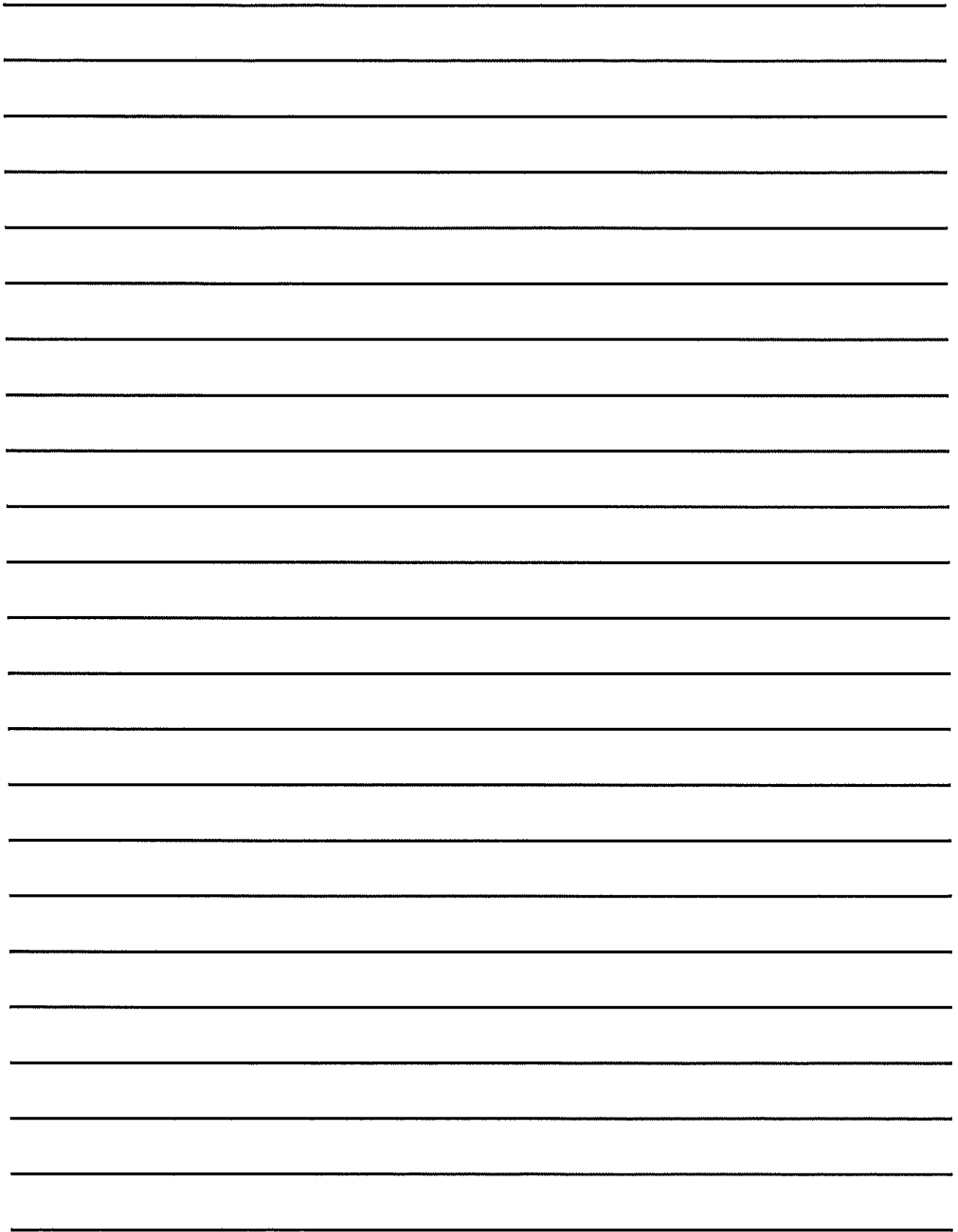
Name of Student	_____	_____	_____
	First	Middle	Last
Date of Birth	_____	Place of Birth	_____
Street Address	_____		
City/Town	_____	Zip	_____
Home Phone	_____		
(Maiden) Name of Mother	_____		
Cell Phone	_____		
Name of Father	_____		
Cell Phone	_____		

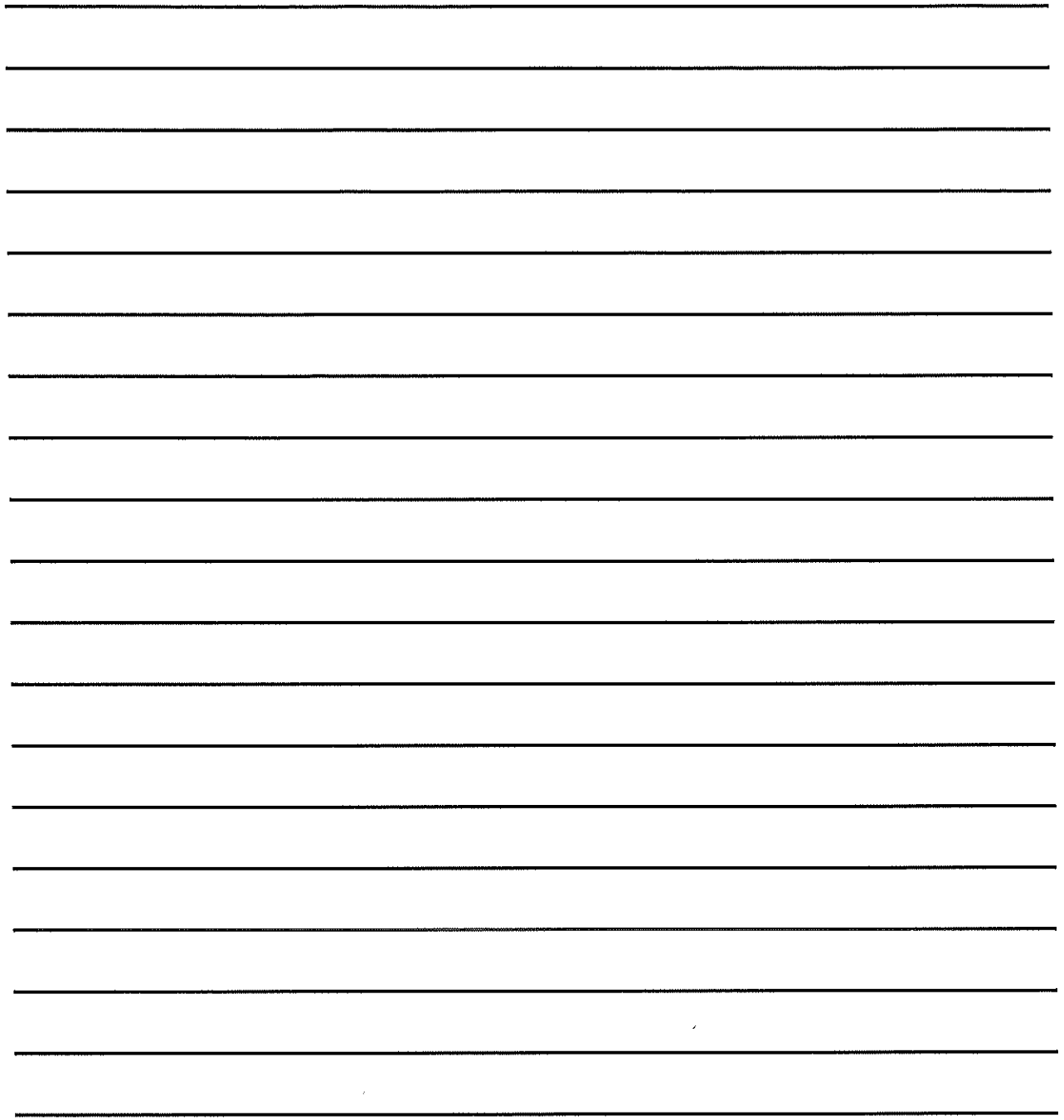
Date of Baptism	_____
Church	_____
Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____
Date of First Eucharist	_____
Church	_____
Address	_____
City, State, Zip	_____

Name of Sponsor _____
Parish _____

A Copy of the Sponsor Eligibility Form from their parish MUST be attached. (Including Incarnation)

Confirmation Name _____





Letter to the Pastor

Before the celebration of Confirmation, the Pastor is required by Canon Law to determine if the Confirmandi have been properly prepared to receive the sacrament, i.e., that you have a desire to know and understand what Confirmation is and how it will change your life. Therefore, you need to write a letter to the pastor addressing all of the following areas:

1. What does the Sacrament of Confirmation mean to you? You should write at least 1-2 paragraphs explaining your understanding of Confirmation; think about what Confirmation is and how you understand it as a sacrament. What makes confirmation different from other sacraments? Explain your answer completely.
2. Why do you believe you are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Explain in 1-2 paragraphs your reasons; ask yourself, "What has changed in my life that I believe I am ready to be confirmed?" "How have my beliefs changed from when I was younger, such as when I was in 6th grade or 7th grade?" Explain your answer completely.
3. Describe at last 2 ways the past two years of study, service hours, readings, and activities have helped you believe you are ready to be confirmed. Why? Explain your answer completely.
4. What gifts of the Holy Spirit are helping you prepare for Confirmation? Think about how these gifts are present in your life, such as when you were completing your service hours or perhaps when you were studying at PREP. The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The following information will help you prepare your answer: "**Wisdom** helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives. **Understanding** is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message. **Knowledge** is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us. **Counsel** is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to him. **Fortitude** is the courage to do what one knows is right. **Piety** helps us pray to God in true devotion. **Fear of the Lord** is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose." (From: <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/scripture-and-tradition/catholic-basics/catholic-beliefs-and-practices/gifts-of-the-holy-spirit>)

5. Remember: You may decide to celebrate your Confirmation at another time in your life. If you believe you are not ready and want to wait, you can include this information in your letter to the Pastor. He would be happy to discuss this with you in person. Contact the PREP Office for more information.

You can use the following pages to handwrite your letter to the pastor, or type it on a separate sheet.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

(Printed Your Name)

**PREP Office - Church of the Incarnation
APOSTOLIC SERVICE LOG**

Student's Name: _____ Parent's Name _____

✓ Check box if PREP If not in PREP, which Catholic School? _____

Directions: Please try to select activities from the list of "Pre-Approved Service Hours" found on the PREP webpage, otherwise please call, email, or text the PREP office for approval *before* completing service hours.
https://www.incarnation-church.org/media/1/PreApproved_Service_Hours.pdf

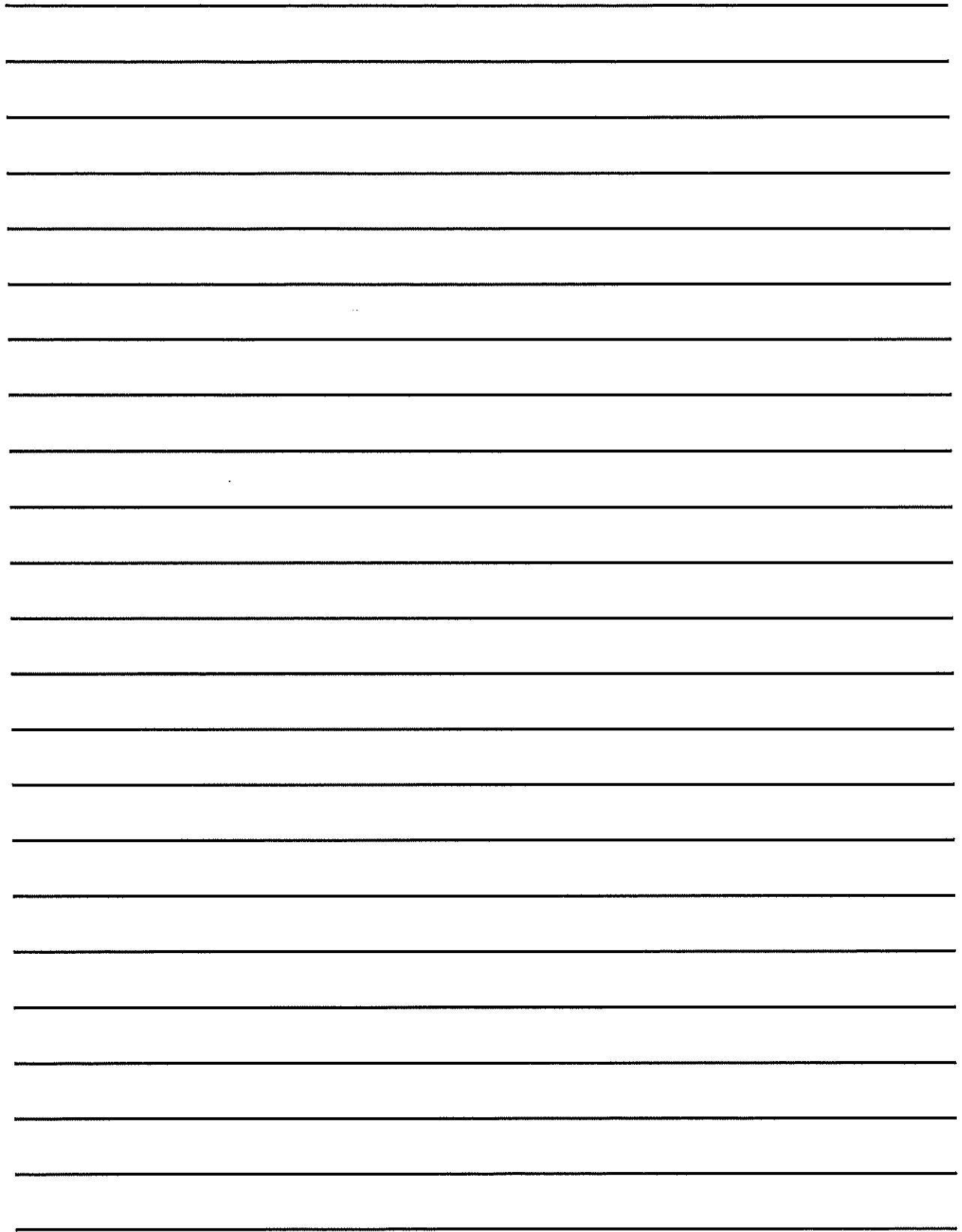
A minimum of 20 Service Hours should be completed by mid-January of Confirmation year.

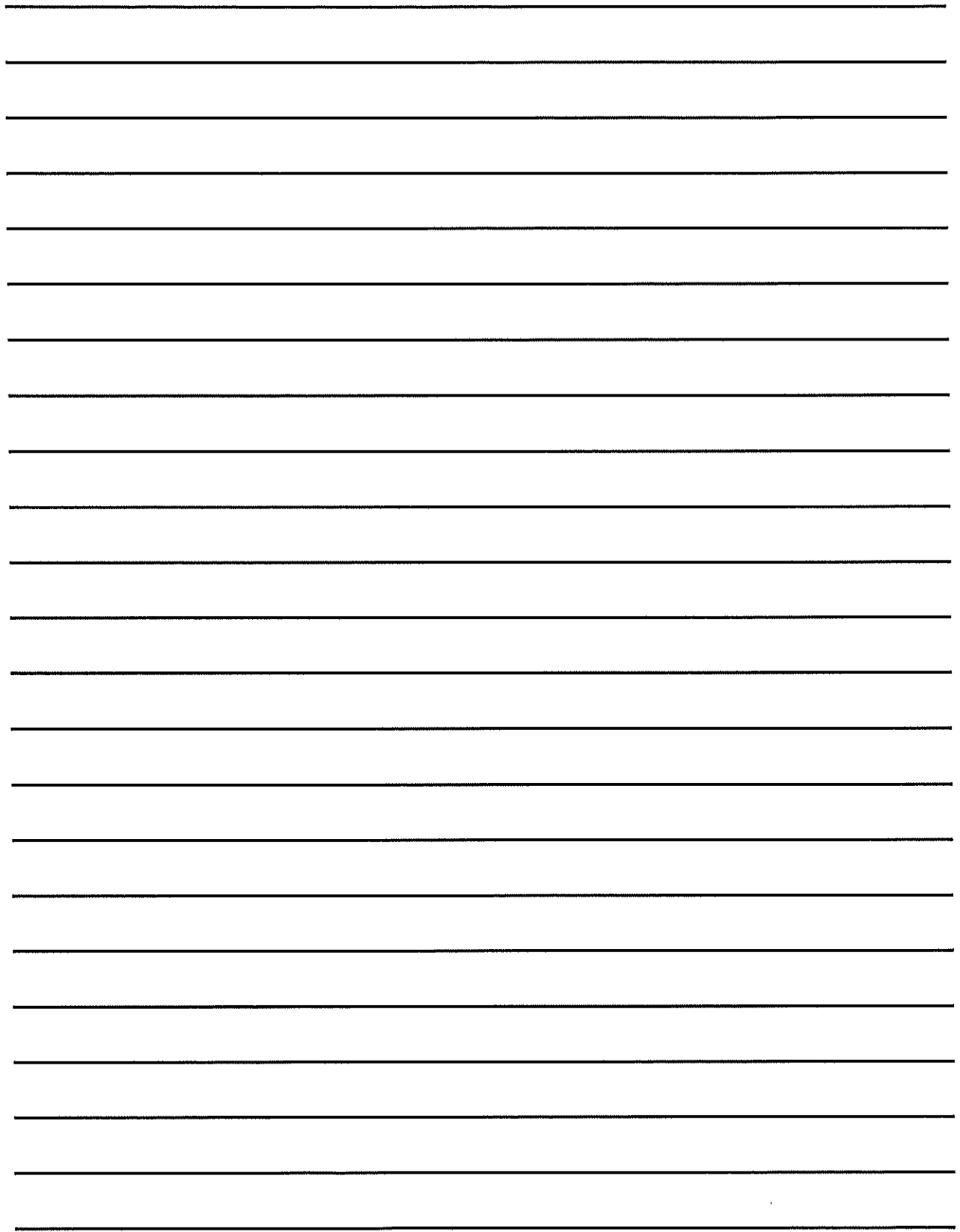
Date M/D/Yr.	Project/Activity	Number of Hours	Name and Signature of Supervising Adult
TOTAL HOURS = _____			

To be signed by Confirmandi and PREP Office:
 I hereby confirm that I have completed these service hours to the best of my ability on the dates indicated.

_____ Date _____
 Confirmandi Signature Date

_____ Date _____
 PREP Office Authorization Date





PREP Pre-Approved Service Hours

The following activities are pre-approved to qualify as service hours. You do not need to get an approval from the PREP office to use these towards your requirement of at least 20 service hours. You can contact the parish office to learn more about activities held at the church; otherwise, please visit the website noted to see how you can become involved. If there's anything not on this list, please contact the PREP office. Thank you.

1. Reconciliation Retreats – Assist presenters; provide support with 2nd grade retreats.
2. Veteran Outreach – <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/veteran-organization-service-offices/> (see website for details)
3. K of C Breakfast – and other community-focused events. See bulletin for list of upcoming activities or visit the church home page. <https://www.incarnation-church.org/>
4. Vacation Bible School – Assist teachers with lesson plans and teaching.
5. Sandwiches/Food/Brownies for the Needy/Homeless - Assist with making, baking, and distribution.
6. "Get Well" Cards – Writing and delivering "get well" cards for those in nursing homes, hospital, home-bound, etc.
7. Ronald McDonald House – <https://www.rmhc.org/ronald-mcdonald-house> - Volunteers help with cooking, hosting, listening, and preparing local programs and events.
8. Soles 4 Souls <https://soles4souls.org/about-us/> Soles4Souls provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world.
9. Trunk or Treat – Incarnation Church held every October.
10. Hoagies 4 Hope – Volunteers make hoagies with all proceeds going to help South Jersey families in need.
11. CHOP Blanket Making (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) – Assist in creating and delivering blankets for children.
12. Outreach Sports Program – <https://www.outreachsports.org/> - The mission of Outreach Sports is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through sports.
13. Altar Servers (age restrictions)
14. Choir (age restrictions – contact Jen Drees)
15. Lector/Reader (age restrictions)
16. Rosary Makers – Incarnation Church – check church bulletin for more information.
17. Stuffing Pillows for Breast Cancer – <https://www.breastcancerdiy.com/helpingothers.htm>

18. Stamp Out Hunger – Food bank of South Jersey
<https://foodbanksj.org/stampouthunger/>
19. Cozies 4 Chemo – <http://cozies4chemo.org/index.html> – A non-profit which provides hand tied fleece blankets to cancer patients throughout the United States and abroad.
20. Baking Sale – Incarnation Church Youth Ministry; held throughout the year.
21. Soup and Scripture – Incarnation Church
22. Holiday Gift Project – Assist in creation and distribution of holiday gifts to the needy.
23. Police Explorers – Volunteer/assist local police with service to public; this group regularly participates in community service
<https://www.njsp.org/division/administration/school-safety-outreach.shtml>
24. Aids for PREP classes during fall, spring, and/or summer (age restrictions)

<p>Your PREP Team Leaders <i>We're always here to support you.</i></p>	
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