

## 2026/27 Confirmation Year 2 Discipleship Project Assignment

Your discipleship project has several goals:

- That you courageously lean into doing something new and different
- That you open yourself to encountering God through others
- That you aim to put into practice the things we have taught in your catechism classes for many years.
- That you learn something **both** in your brain and in your heart about living out the Catholic faith.
- That this project has a concrete benefit to the community and to you.

Your final report should address:

- Why you chose this project and why do you consider this a “**discipleship**” project
- What was your project and who was your intended audience?
- What happened along the way? What steps did you take?
- How did you use or include prayer and scripture throughout your project? How were you a disciple? Or in other words, how did you “live Jesus”, share the “light of Christ”, or make a difference?
- What changed in you through this project?
- How did you encounter God through others or His sacraments?

Report will be due January 30<sup>th</sup> in one of the following formats:

- A) Write a newspaper article and include pictures of your project with captions. These may be included in the bulletin during Lent.
- B) Check with Youth Ministry staff by email [YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com) if you have another format in mind.

The following pages list some ideas for what you can choose as your project. You are not limited to this list; there is a project for everyone! If you are having trouble with ideas or a plan, let's brainstorm. Reach out to Zoe to discuss different options you have in mind for your discipleship project.

**Write down 2–3 project ideas that interest you and that you would like to explore for your discipleship project:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## Discipleship Project Ideas

### WORSHIP/ LITURGY

**Plan the liturgy for our confirmation mass.** Use the “rite book” to find out the options for things like readings, prayers, and with help, write the prayers of the faithful. Assist the liturgy coordinator in coordinating help for the Mass (readers, greeters, sacristan, servers, etc). If needed create the program for the Mass. Main contact: [FaithFormation@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:FaithFormation@ourladyoflight.com)

**Serve as a regular (weekly) student musician for a weekend Mass.** Contact Diane in the Music Department to try out and get signed up. Additionally, for at least one Mass or service before January 30, help Diane choose the service music, learning the basics of song selection and liturgical planning (not necessarily a mass you serve at). Main contact: [Music@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:Music@ourladyoflight.com)

**Plan the liturgy for our parish’s First Communion mass.** You will use the “rite book” to find out the options for things like readings, prayers, and prayers of the faithful. You will write the prayers of the faithful, create the program, and as needed you will help coordinate volunteers and be onsite as a helper for that day. Consider who she recommends and needs for readers, greeters, sacristan, servers, etc. Main contact: [FamilyFaith@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:FamilyFaith@ourladyoflight.com)

**Become a Lector (Reader at Mass).** Training will be with the Lector Coordinator, lectoring a minimum of 5 times, and eventually joining the Adult Lector schedule. Get started with [LectorsOLOL@gmail.com](mailto:LectorsOLOL@gmail.com)

**Become an Altar Server.** Training will be with the Altar Server Trainer. Attend training and walkthrough, commit to a mass time, and join the schedule. Get started with [AltarServerOLOL@gmail.com](mailto:AltarServerOLOL@gmail.com)

**Become a Greeter at the 5pm Mass.** You and a parent will train together with the Greeter Coordinator and serve on the official Greeter schedule 1-2 times per month. Additionally, you will serve with the Mass Coordinator one Sunday morning to learn more about the different roles needed for Mass, and complete one appreciation effort in the Usher’s Room (choose a small thank you treat and make thank you posters) Get started with [GreetersOLOL@gmail.com](mailto:GreetersOLOL@gmail.com)

### SERVICE

**Coordinate a “thank you” party for the choir after Christmas is over.** Work with Music Director Diane to pick a date and a menu and decorations/theme and to stay within budget. Work the event with your parent or guardian. Main contact: [Music@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:Music@ourladyoflight.com)

**Plan and lead a service-oriented activity for elementary-aged kids.** Work with Children’s Ministry Coordinator, Debbie, in the Parish Office to pick a date and project. It must be done on our campus and when Debbie is available. Think about how you would promote it and organize it, then create promotions to reach that audience. Main Contact: [FamilyFaith@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:FamilyFaith@ourladyoflight.com)

**Coordinate a service project for your peers in Youth Ministry.** Work with the Youth Minister, Zoe, to pick a date and project. It must be done on campus and when Zoe is available. Think about how you would promote it and organize it, then make it happen. Main Contact: [YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com)

## **FELLOWSHIP**

**Coordinate a family-friendly or mom/daughter painting party.** Either lead the painting process or find someone willing to lead it. Choose a simple image. Promote the event, thinking creatively about who you want to reach, and how you want to reach them. Book the room, take reservations, be there for setup/cleanup. Get started with [YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com)

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**Join the Children's Ministry team to serve this year.** You must serve consistently all year. Ideal for students that are older siblings of Footsteps elementary or Middle students or cannot come Thursday nights. Main contact: [FamilyFaith@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:FamilyFaith@ourladyoflight.com)

**Coordinate a field trip for families.** Must be Catholic and within 45 mins drive of the parish. Can be a tour of another parish church, an outdoor stations of the cross, grotto, or memorial, Ave Maria University, or museum. Parents will drive their own families and meet you at the location, so you will need a ride as well. Includes promotions, directions, and field trip permission slips for families. Main contact: [YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com)

**Coordinate a Youth Night.** Work with the Youth Minister/ Lead Volunteer to pick a date and topic. Think about how you would organize it and present it, then make it happen. Main Contact: [YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:YouthMinistry@ourladyoflight.com)

## **OTHER**

**Think about how your gifts and talents can serve the parish: Art, Athlete, Animals – how can you put your gifts to work for the Lord and your community?**

What's missing at our parish? More socials? More art? More prayer? Make a proposal!

Create art for the classrooms or hub

Graphic Design placemats, table tents, or takeaway Lenten handouts for fish fries

Make a proposal for art for our restrooms, student center, or other gathering space (scripture or encouragement)

Take professional pictures for one of the ministries and make a social media campaign to promote it

Design the magnet for our Christmas magnet sale

Graphic Design a business card for one of our youth ministries or parish groups to pass out

Make a campaign to celebrate Mother's Day or Father's Day including creating a faithful Graphic design on a prayer card to pass out

Coordinate the stations of the cross

Volunteer Appreciation event for catechists

Staff appreciation

Plan/execute a Postcard campaign for promoting youth ministry to inactive parishioners

Make Chalk-blessing baggies for new years

Coordinate promotions to share youth ministry with the parish

Upkeep and promote parish libraries

Coordinate a car wash fundraiser for the youth ministry

Help organize the Youth Closet/ inventory

Coordinate a thank you appreciation for our liturgical team

Coordinate and plan a movie night for our Youth Ministry