



Sunflowers for Steph



One of the most important parts of the Confirmation process is accepting and becoming an active member of our larger parish community upholding the values of our Catholic faith. This past year has brought many changes in the way we live our daily lives. The pandemic has left the majority of the population feeling a bit isolated. It is important that we reach out into our community and provide loving service and support. The requirements for community service this year are very different than years past due to the restrictions from the pandemic. This year our confirmation project is simple. We will all be reaching out to a very special young woman who is a devout Catholic and member of our parish. We will be writing letters, cards and showing her love and fellowship.

Due to severe medical complication Steph will be required to stay in isolation and quarantine for the next few months. She is currently confined to bed rest and is fighting for her life. We will be providing letters, cards, pictures, prayers and any other methods of bringing her joy.

Steph LOVES sunflowers. She sees sunflowers as a symbol of her Catholic faith and devotion to Jesus. Sunflowers track the path of the sun during the day always facing its light just as Catholics we are called to “Follow the Son” and live as a reflection of Jesus who is the light of the world.

Community Service Assignment: Due by July

- 1. You will provide at least one card (store bought or handcrafted—it doesn’t matter). Messages of happiness, faith, support, thinking of you, encouragement**
- 2. You will write a letter, think of it like a pen pal letter. You may also choose to write a story. Tell Steph who you are and a bit about yourself and why you are making your confirmation. Reach out to her as you would a friend. She is also a young devout Catholic and a member of our parish. Your stories will bring her joy.**
- 3. You will choose an inspirational quote. It can be any quote, Bible verse, poem, a prayer, etc. It must have message of an uplifting nature. Choose something that you think is befitting the situation, something that you think will bring hope, joy and peace. This will act as a “Prayer” for Steph. You will design something to include sunflowers. You may hand draw sunflowers, use digital graphic media. Use your creativity. We will be creating a “Prayer Book” for Steph using all of your gifts. You may choose to include anything – even 3D objects that you create that are sunflower themed.**

Your assignment is due by July, however as you complete each piece you may hand it in. The more letters I can get in advance, the more Steph will have to read over time vs. a grouping at once. Please place your letters/cards in the collection basket (or deliver to the Parish Office) in an enveloped marked “Trish–Confirmation” and include your name. You may also hand in your assignments in person during Confirmation classes.