



Service Requirement for Confirmation

Service Reflection

[From Pope Francis's General Audience in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, October 12, 2016:](#)

He, in return, taught his disciples: ***“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”*** (Lk 6:36). It is a responsibility that challenges the conscience and actions of every Christian. In fact, it is not enough to experience God’s mercy in one’s life; whoever receives it must also become a sign and instrument for others. Mercy, therefore, is not only reserved for particular moments, but it embraces our entire daily existence.

.....we will reflect on these works which the Church presents to us as the concrete way of living out mercy. Over the course of centuries, many simple people have put this into practice, giving their sincere witness of faith. The Church, after all, faithful to her Lord, nourishes a preferential love for the weakest. Often it is the people closest to us who need our help. We should not go out in search of some unknown business to accomplish. It is better to begin with the simplest, which the Lord tells us is the most urgent. In a world which, unfortunately, has been damaged by the virus of indifference, the works of mercy are the best antidote.

....The works of mercy reawaken in us the need, and the ability, to make the faith alive and active with charity.



What is Pope Francis calling us to do? How can MERCY embrace our entire daily existence? How can you make faith alive through service?

In total there are 14 Works of Mercy; seven Corporal and seven Spiritual. The Corporal Works focus on taking care of other’s physical needs; feed the hungry, visit the sick, bury the dead etc. The Spiritual works focus on serving the needs of our and other’s souls.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

We are ask that you perform an act of service that incorporates at least one of the Corporal Works of Mercy or Spiritual Works of Mercy. Once you have completed your project, complete our online reflection form. You will need to write a few sentences about what you did and what the impact was to the recipient. Additionally you will need to answer one final question: How can I incorporate the Works of Mercy into my daily life after I receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

The online Service Reflection Form must be submitted by June 1, 2023

Fill out the form at

[Service Reflection Form](#)

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy:

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| 1. Admonishing the Sinner | 4. Comforting the Sorrowful |
| 2. Instructing the Ignorant | 5. Bearing Wrongs Patiently |
| 3. Counseling the Doubtful | 6. Forgiving All Injuries |
| | 7. Praying for the Living and the Dead |

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy:

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| 1. Feed the Hungry | 4. Shelter the Homeless |
| 2. Give Drink to the Thirsty | 5. Visit the Sick |
| 3. Clothe the Naked | 6. Visit the Imprisoned |
| | 7. Bury the Dead |

Here are some ideas:

- Send cards/letters to people who may not be able to get out as much and may be lonely
- Make sandwiches for a local homeless shelter
- Work on homes with Habitat for Humanity
- Set up a prayer garden or prayer space in your home for you and your family members
- Visit a nursing home or do some chores for an elderly neighbor
- Volunteer to help at VBS during the summer or PSR classes during the school year.
- Volunteer at Mass in choir, as an altar server, lector, or greeter
- Collect canned goods in your neighborhood and drop them off at the local food bank