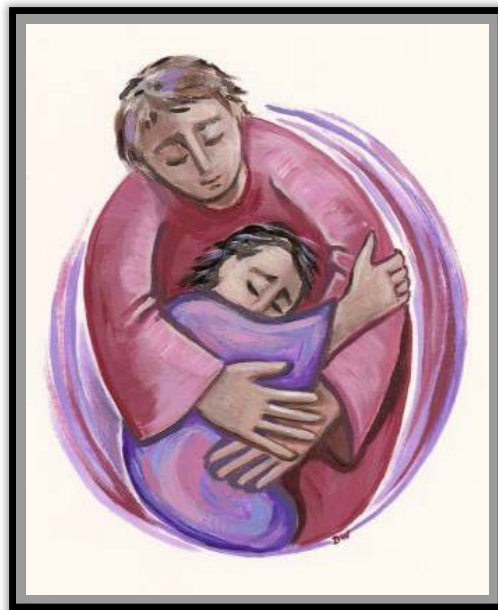


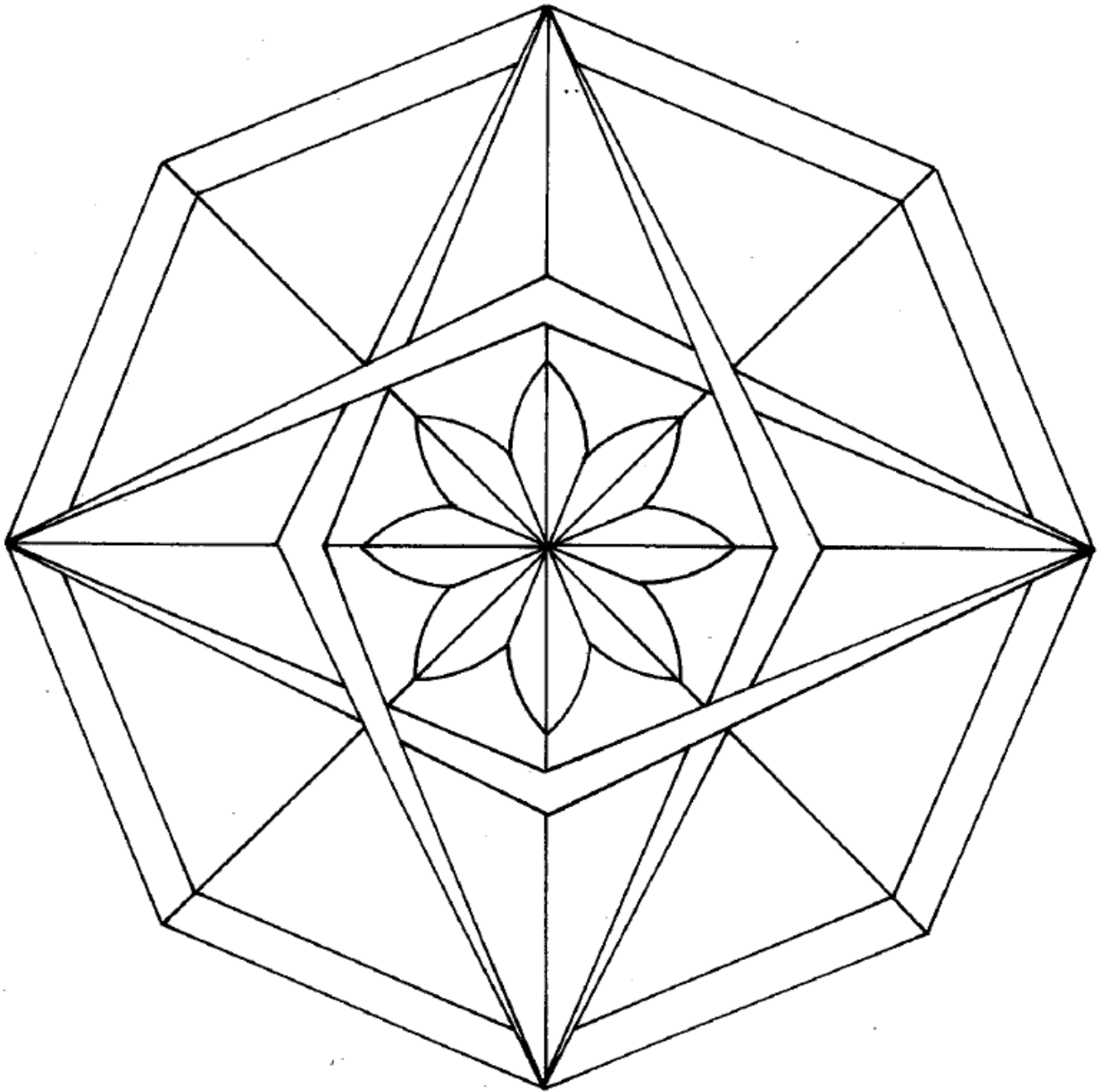
Leaders of Mercy



'Let us be merciful like our Father'



Mandala Reflection



Works of Mercy Pledge

Complete the pledge below with your own ideas of how you can live out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.



I _____ pledge to live as Jesus did by
(name)

_____ *(a Corporal Work of Mercy)*

I will accomplish this goal by _____

I chose this Corporal Work of Mercy because _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Sharing my message

As a Leader of Mercy how will I share my message?

My words: _____

My actions: _____

Visit the Sick

John 13:12-14

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.





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Visit the Sick

Directions: Answer the questions in the space provided.

What are the worst parts about being sick?

When you get sick, who takes care of you? _____

What kinds of things do they do to help you?

Have you ever missed out on something fun because you were sick? Like what?

Directions: One of the best ways young people brighten up someone's day is to create a "get well" card. Sketch out a card below, then create a card using construction paper and crayons or markers.



Bury the Dead

Matthew 26:26-29

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."





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Bury the Dead

Directions: Draw or write at least three ways we honor the lives of those who die.

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Why are each of these things so important for us to do for the person who died and for his or her family and friends?

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2. _____

3. _____

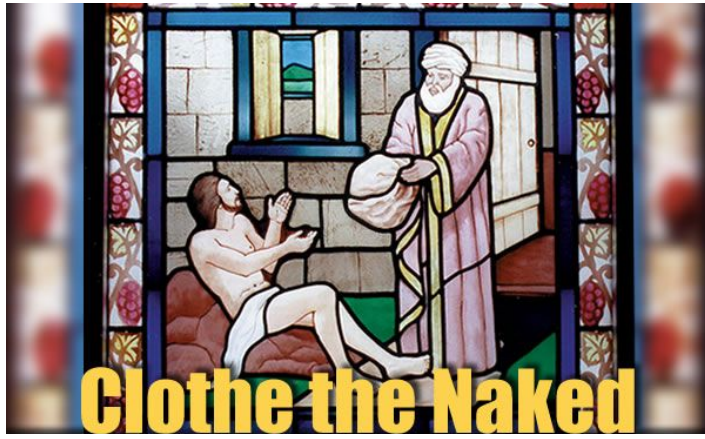


Clothe the Naked

Luke 3:11

John the Baptist answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."





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Clothe the Naked

Directions: Write a response to each question in the space provided.

What kinds of clothes are popular among people your age?

Why do people your age find it so important to wear stylish clothing?

Do you wear winter clothing or summer clothing right now?

Directions: Design a flyer that you might post on the wall at your school to promote a clothing drive in which people donate old or new clothes.



Feed the Hungry

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.





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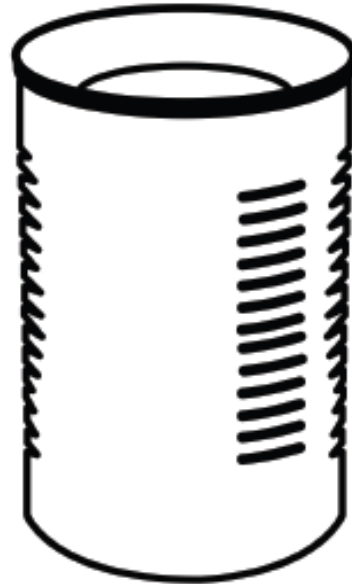
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Feed the Hungry

Directions: As you participate in a food drive, reflect on the following questions.

What does it feel like to be hungry? How do you act differently when you are hungry?

Look at your donated food. Are these foods something you eat with your family? Would you be excited to eat these foods? Why or why not?



How would your parents feel if they were unable to provide food for your family? Why would they feel this way?

If you were the person receiving this food, what would you do to say thank you?

Directions: Write a prayer for the person receiving this food.

Shelter the Homeless

Isaiah 58:7

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Matthew 25:34-40

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me,³⁶ naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?



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Shelter the Homeless

Directions: Answer each question in the space provided.

What are some of your favorite things about your house?

If you did not have a house to go home to today . . .

where would you eat? _____

where would you go to stay warm? (or stay away from the heat?) _____

where would you go to get water to drink? _____

where would you go to take a bath or a shower? _____

where would you go to sleep? _____

A Shelter for the Homeless

Imagine if you ran a homeless shelter. List three things you would provide to your guests and explain why.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Why?

Give Drink to the Thirsty

Isaiah 58:7

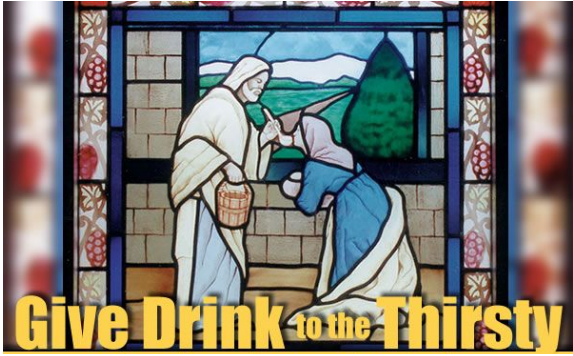
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Give Drink to the Thirsty

A Global Water Crisis

More than 650 million people throughout the world do not have access to clean water. That means one out of every ten people in the world lives without clean water. Women and children have to walk many miles from home every day carrying large containers of water to drink and to clean. If they were to drink the dirty water nearby, they would become very sick. Dirty water causes more deaths than violence and war. Almost half of these deaths are children under five years old.



Directions: Answer the following questions in the space provided.

How far would you have to walk from where you are right now to get water? How long would it take you?

Imagine if it took you two hours each day to bring clean water back to your home. What activities (school, sports, clubs, etc.) would you have to eliminate to make this possible?

How much water do you think you used today (drinking, washing, going to the bathroom, etc.)? What would you have to use to carry that amount of water?

Directions: Search online for charitable organizations that seek to eliminate the global water problem. Write the names of the organizations and their websites on the back of this paper.

Visit the Imprisoned

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Admonish the Sinners

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Admonish Sinners

Directions: Under each scenario below, write what you would say to warn someone not to commit each sin.

#1

A classmate is talking about one of your friends behind her back. He is saying mean and untrue things about her.

#2

In the morning before school, someone tells you about a cheat sheet she is going to use with the answers to a test.

#3

Your uncle repeatedly takes Jesus' name in vain when talking with other adults around you.

#4

You are riding home with a friend in her car. She talks back and disrespects her parents along the way.

Bear Wrongs Patiently

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Bear Wrongs Patiently

Directions: List five things you have complained about or could complain about today.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



Directions: Instead of complaining, we can bear wrongs patiently by finding things to be grateful for in every situation. Write out one way to be grateful despite each of your complaints above.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Comfort the Sorrowful

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Comfort the Afflicted

Directions: Imagine if a friend lost someone she loved. What would you say to comfort this person in their time of sorrow? Write out a conversation that you might have with the person. Use the back if necessary.

ME: _____

FRIEND: _____

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FRIEND: _____

Counsel the Doubtful

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Counsel the Doubtful

To counsel the doubtful means to help a person who is uncertain about something or struggling to make a decision. Sometimes we struggle to decide what to do, what to be, what to say, what to believe, who to trust, or how to act.

Directions: Complete the sentence.

Who do you know that is struggling to make a decision right now?

I can help _____ because they are uncertain about _____
_____.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Directions: In the space below, write a prayer to the Holy Spirit to help you provide wisdom and counsel to this person struggling to make a decision.

Providing Counsel

Directions: List three pieces of advice or things this person can think about in order to find clarity and peace about a decision they must make.

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2

3

Forgive Offenses

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Forgive Offenses

Directions: In the column on the left, list three ways people have offended or hurt you in some way. In the column on the right, explain why it is difficult to forgive each offense.

Offenses	Why It Is So Hard to Forgive

Directions: List three ways you can forgive those who have offended you.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Directions: On the back of this paper, write out the Lord's Prayer. Underline the part that tells us to forgive offenses.

Instruct the Ignorant

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Instruct the Ignorant

Directions: Write your responses in the boxes below.

Lessons I know very well about the Catholic faith:

Lessons I still do not completely understand about the Catholic faith:

Directions: Answer each question in the space provided.

1. What do you know about the Catholic faith that you like to talk about?

2. Why do you like talking about this?

3. What are three opportunities to teach about these truths to others?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Pray for the living and the dead

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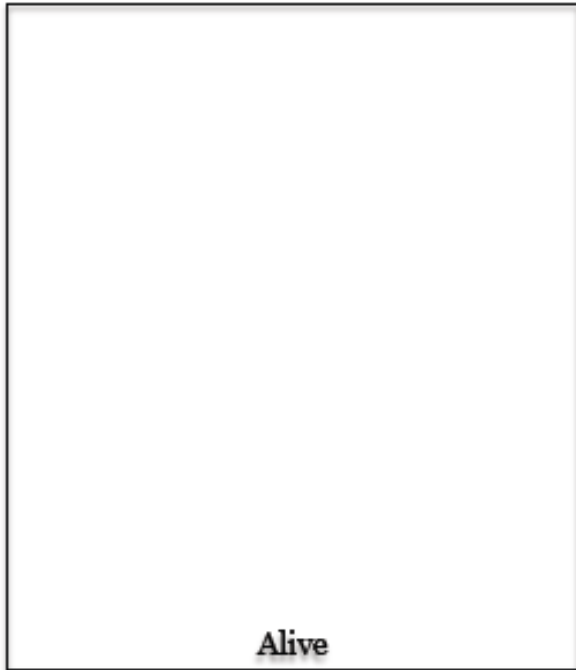
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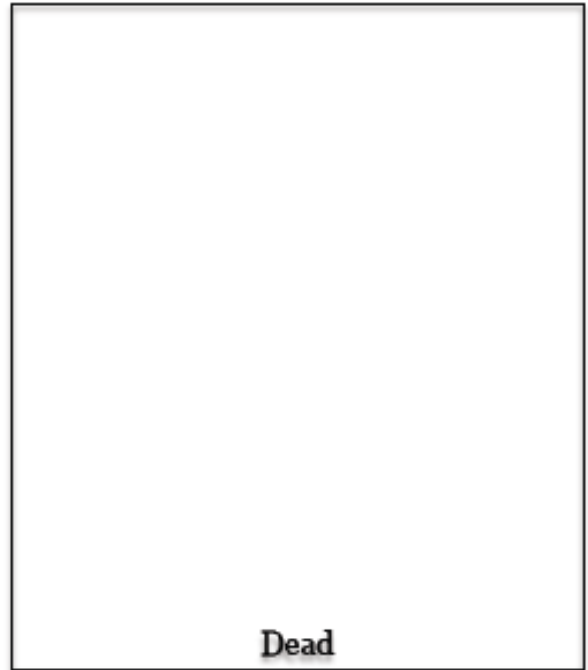
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Pray for the Living and the Dead

Directions: Draw or paste a picture of a person who is alive and a person who is dead that you would like to pray for in a special way.



Alive



Dead

Directions: Write a prayer for each of these people below.

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The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy



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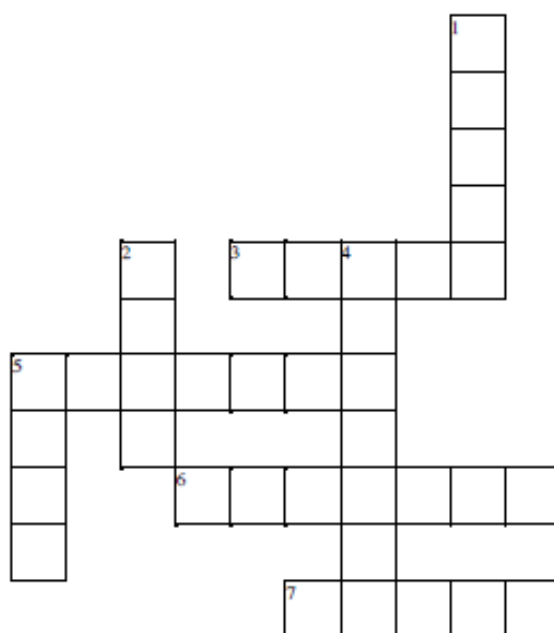
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Corporal Works of Mercy



Across

3. If I am sick, what will you do?
5. If I do something wrong, what are you called to do?
6. If I am naked, what will you provide me with?
7. If I am thirsty, what will you give me?

Down

1. If I am in prison, what will you do?
2. If I die, you will do what with my body?
4. If I am homeless, you will help me find what?
5. If I am Hungry, what will you do for me?

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