

CONFIRMATION 2020-2021

Works of Mercy Overview

The Works of Mercy are inspired by Christ's example at The Last Supper when He washed His disciples' feet and exhorted them to do the same for one another. We are all called to serve others. For this program, candidates must complete at least 10 hours of Christian service to the poor, the elderly, or others in need between June and March 13th. Due to social distancing and other restrictions in place at this time, the usual options may be limited. As a result, there will be new ways to meet this requirement through liturgical ministry at our Sunday evening Mass or by group. Further details will be shared at the first session.

Upon completion of these activities, candidates must complete a Reflection Essay, 300-500 words in length, due by the final session. The information and questions below are provided to help guide your essay.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, and bury the dead. Six of these come from Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25: *"What you do for the least of these, you do for me"*, and the seventh from traditional Hebrew respect for the body.

For your Reflection, please include the following information. Use the questions below to guide your response.

- What did you do for your Works of Mercy activity or activities? Who did it help? What was involved?
- Why did you choose this project? Which Work of Mercy does it connect to?
- What did you enjoy most about this project? Did anything surprise you? Would you participate in this service again? Why or why not?
- Was this project challenging for you? Did you find it fulfilling? Did it push you out of your comfort zone?
- How did you see God present in your activity? Please explain.
- How does this connect to your life of faith as a Christian? Why do you think this was part of your Confirmation process?

Approved Suggestions for Works of Mercy

PLEASE NOTE: We are looking for works of mercy to be performed directly for PEOPLE (who are in need of food, clothing, shelter, or in a nursing home) or to the church. **It is up to each Candidate to proactively look for and sign up for opportunities.**

❖ **Service with St. Elizabeth's Parish and BOLD Youth Ministry**

Be attentive to emails from stelizabeth@boldym.com, Veronica Caballero for opportunities:

- uServe Summer Camp & Summer Mission Trips
- Bridges outings or sandwich making to serve the homeless
- Parish Picnic, Advent Giving Tree, Lenten Fish Fry and more

❖ **Camp Acorn, Allendale**

Thaddeus Orlowski (201) 785-1101 (camp) Campacorn01@gmail.com

❖ **Camp Sunshine/Snowflake, Ridgewood**

Kim Da Silva (973) 633-7111 or (201) 652-1755 (camp) Kdasilva1@optonline.net

❖ **Catechetical Classroom Aide, St. Elizabeth**

Pat Khanjian (201) 891-3262 x 226 PatK@saintelizabeths.org

❖ **Center for Food Action, Mahwah** *Minimum age requirement: 16

Valerie Anderson (201)569-1804 x15 CFAnj.org >Ways to help> Volunteer> Please intro. Yourself (application)

❖ **Christian Health Care Center, Wyckoff** * Must be 13-17 yrs.; Application required; 20 hr. commitment

Caroline Silva (201) 848-5797 Csilva@chccnj.org

Habitat for Humanity, Paterson

Ashley Biggs (973)595-6868 x107 Ashley@patersonhabitat.org

❖ **Eva's Village, Paterson** * Must be 15 yrs., do orientation, free weekdays from 10:30am -1:00pm

Angela Vance (973) 825-7215 Angela.Vance@evasvillage.org

❖ **Kidz Korner, St. Elizabeth's Church**

Donna Jackson Donnai417@yahoo.com

❖ **Oasis, Paterson**

Jim Walsh (973) 881-8303 x 123 JimWalsh@oasisnj.org
Signe Howard (973) 881-8303 x 121 SigneHoward@oasisnj.org

❖ **Saint Martin Soup Kitchen, Jersey City**

Peter Ingrasci (551) 265-3230 Pingrasci@optonline.net
Dolores Cacace (201) 995-7687 doloresc106@aol.com
Tim Gilchrist (973) 760-4506 tigil03@gmail.com

❖ **YWCA Special Swim & Special Sports, Ridgewood**

Linda Doller (201) 444-5600 x 348 LDoller@ywcabergencounty.org

❖ **Eastern Christian Children's Retreat, Wyckoff**

Kimberly Salles (201) 848-8005 x 230 Kimberly1@eccretreat.org

❖ **Several Sources Shelters, Ramsey**

Virginia Morrissey (201) 818-9033 SSSVirginiaM@gmail.com

❖ **Young Life Capernaum** (A ministry serving young people with special needs)

Blair Ransom (908) 347-9976 Blair@jerseyleader.com

❖ **March for Life (January in Washington, DC) & Respect Life** (various opportunities)

9th Grade Works of Mercy

A Minimum of 10 Service Hours

To the hungry, homeless, poor, sick, elderly or to the Church

Candidate Name _____

As a follower of Jesus, the question is not, "Should I do some service?" The question is, "What service am I going to do?" **WORKS OF MERCY** are inspired by Christ's example and precept that we are to do to others as we would have them do to us.

THE WORKS OF MERCY

CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL

FEED THE HUNGRY 	 INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT
GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY 	 COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL
SHELTER THE HOMELESS 	 ADMONISH SINNERS
CLOTHE THE NAKED 	 FORGIVE OFFENSES
VISIT THE SICK 	 COMFORT THE AFFLICTED
VISIT THE IMPRISONED 	 BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY
BURY THE DEAD 	 PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

This form is DUE **Monday, March 1, 2021**

Requirements

- Each candidate must complete (at least):
 - 1 service activity (continuous or repeated smaller events) in excess of 10 hours. (*Examples:* Catechist Aide, Vacation Bible Camp, Mission Trip, UServe, repeated Oasis Volunteer)
 - OR
 - 2 service activities (continuous or repeated smaller events) in excess of 5 hours each. (*Examples:* Bridges Prep & Run; St. Martin's Soup Kitchen, Advent Giving Tree, Christian Health Care Center)
- Service must be completed between Confirmation Orientation and Works of Mercy due date.
- Works of Mercy must be a service performed for people in need; a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy. (See list on the left.)
- Approved Works of Mercy** are located on a form found on our website. Additional opportunities will be emailed to you as they arise.
- There must be a signature from each completed activity.
- Candidate must complete a Works of Mercy Reflection essay answering specific questions about the Work(s) of Mercy they performed and what they learned. (See reverse side.)
- Return this completed form with your Reflection Essay attached **by Monday, March 1, 2021**
- Return to:** St. Elizabeth Office of Faith Formation
700 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Place of Service (Approved list or approved by office)	Date(s)	# of Hours	Description of Service	Supervisor Signature