



Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine

Faith Formation Office

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8th to 12th Grade Corporal Works of Mercy Project

Due: 1/23/26

Presented on 2/16/26

Select one of the Corporal Works of Mercy listed below:

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| ❖ Feed the hungry | ⊙ Give drink to the thirsty | ⊙ Clothe the naked |
| ❖ Shelter the homeless | ⊙ Visit the sick | ⊙ Bury the dead |
| ❖ Do a good deed for thy neighbor | | |

Objectives:

- Utilizing time, talent, and skills, the candidate will be able to understand and demonstrate the merciful mission of Christ and one of the missions of the Catholic Church
- Identify a saint who practiced or was known for this specific Work of Mercy
- Identify an organization in the Catholic Diocese (Camden or in NJ) that provides services for the Corporal Work of Mercy
- Utilize time and talent to complete the selected Corporal Work of Mercy. This program does not require any volunteering or visiting any organization, institution, or program. However, if desired, any individual visitations of in-person volunteering to organizations are at the discretion of the parent, who will be fully responsible and must accompany the candidate.

General instructions:

After researching the following, provide written documentation to include the following:

Identify and write the Corporal Works of Mercy. What and where is the scripture verse located in the Bible, as well as who discussed the work(s)? Identify the Corporal Work of Mercy in the Catechism of the church. Why is this important as a follower of Christ? Identify and write about a saint who practiced and was known for this Corporal Work of Mercy.

1. Research and select an organization

- Research and select from the many organizations that are supported by the Catholic Charities in the Camden Diocese or another catholic diocese that perform this Corporal Work of Mercy. Provide a brief description of the organization to include their mission and the service that supports the selected Corporal Work of Mercy.
- The candidate will write about why they selected this organization as well as how they will use their time and talent to support this organization based on the selected Corporal Work of Mercy.

2. Time Requirement

- Although there is no minimum or maximum amount of time required to complete this project, the candidate must be able to include the amount of time spent writing, as well as the talent used to develop and to perform the selected Corporal Work of Mercy.

3. Participants

- Candidates must document anyone who assisted them in completing the project, including family members. Document any interaction. Did the candidate speak or meet anyone in the organization or while performing the task? Was the service or Work of Mercy effective?

4. Reflection

- How did the organization, saint, and service affect you?
- Will you continue to help with the mission? Why or why not
- What do you think can be done to continue to help?
- Will you continue the selected Corporal Work of Mercy in the future?

5. Date of Completion- Due on 2/16/26

- A copy of the written work must be submitted to the Faith Formation Office in Stratford. If you created or developed an item/object for this project, please include a picture of it. You do not need to submit it!

6. Confirmation Retreat 1/24/26

- During the Confirmation Retreat, students will display their written work and actual project for all participants. Students will be able to collect their projects at the end of the retreat.

SAMPLE PROJECT

The Knights of Columbus- this is an active organization within our parish. If you choose them, they are readily available.

- Identify Corporal Work of Mercy.
- Identify the reference in the Bible that supports the Corporal Work of Mercy.
- Identify a saint who performed or exhibited the chosen Work of Mercy.
- Choose the organization (in this example, the Knights of Columbus) that exhibits/performs the chosen Work of Mercy.
- Research the Knights of Columbus and their mission (What do they stand for? What are they all about?).
- Participate in a Corporal Act of Mercy with the Knights of Columbus, for example: their bake sale or the train show.
- Answer the reflection questions on how this service affected you. Display the project at the retreat.