

PEACE: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

["Forgive Offenses"](#) is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Forgive those who have offended us; reject all forms of anger and hate that lead to violence. Be peaceful. Create peace.

The Archdiocesan Committee for the Jubilee Year of Mercy offered the following as one of the many suggestions to forgive offenses:

"Restorative justice efforts work to heal and support both formerly incarcerated persons and victims of crime. Victims of crime and communities impacted by violence need healing and support to bring about forgiveness and reconciliation."

Learn more about restorative justice and its connection to scripture and church teaching in a presentation by [Linda Showman](#), retired from the faculty of Mount Angel Seminary and currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Restorative Justice Coalition of Oregon. Great for your parish; a wonderful opportunity for a Lenten Soup Supper; perfect for peace.

"Linda's presentation is an excellent way to begin exploring restorative justice from a Christian perspective. Thought-provoking, moving and challenging!" *Becky O'Neil McBrayer, Director of Community Programs, St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church*

