



## Minute of Mercy

### SERVICE

*In today's world, we have an exemplary example of service and that would be Mother Teresa of Calcutta, soon to be Saint Mother Teresa! Mother served no matter how difficult the circumstances. It was in the poorest of the poor that Mother Teresa sought to serve; so, no matter whom it was or how destitute the circumstances, she knew ultimately it was Christ she was serving. While there are many truths Mother Teresa spoke, one statement specifically on service might come to mind, "Give until it hurts until you feel the pain." Only love can give in this manner. As St. Paul teaches us about love, "Love bears all things and can endure all things."*

*It would be well to always remember from Scripture when the Lord comes in His glory and all the angels with Him and He sits upon His throne to judge all. He will judge us based upon feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming a stranger, caring for the ill, visiting the imprisoned. For whatever we do to the least of our brothers, we do to Christ.*

*We must also remember not to serve from a position of superiority, but rather as equals extending love and compassion to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.*

### Mercy in Action

*This week's **Mercy in Action** is for all of St. Peter Parish to donate to the poor served by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You will find the poor box for St. Peter Parish by the St. Anthony statue in back of church. You may also place your donation in the collection with a notation designated for the poor.*

**\*\*Please visit the Year of Mercy table in the back of church and pick up an important flyer listing various service opportunities in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.**