



Minute of Mercy

MISSIONARY

One does not have to travel abroad to be a missionary. Our tithing to the Holy Mother Church simply asks of us to give of our time, talent, and treasure. There are various ways we can be missionaries right here in our own country.

Pope Francis quotes:

“If we accept the challenge of being a missionary Church, a Church which constantly goes forth to the world and, especially, to the peripheries of contemporary society, we will need to foster that ‘spiritual taste’ which enables us to embrace and identify with each member of Christ’s body. Here particular care and concern needs to be shown for the children and the elderly in our communities. How can we be guardians of hope if we neglect the memory, the wisdom and the experience of the elderly, and the aspirations of the young?”

In this regard, I would ask you to be concerned in a spiritual way for the education of children, supporting the indispensable mission not only of the universities, important as they are, but also Catholic schools at every level, beginning with elementary schools, where young minds and hearts are shaped in love for the Lord and his Church, in the good, the true and the beautiful, and where children learn to be good Christians and upright citizens.”

That being said, however, we must never forget nor diminish the power of our prayers and sacrifices to those who are on the front lines in service to people who are in desperate need.

On Ash Wednesday, as part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis sent out Missionaries of Mercy, as “inspiring preachers of mercy” to be a “living sign of the Father’s welcome to all those in search of his forgiveness.”

Mercy in Action

*This week’s **Mercy in Action** is for all of St. Peter Parish to pray for those who serve as missionaries at home and abroad.*