



Minute of Mercy

SERVING LESS FORTUNATE

As Vicar of Jesus Christ, Pope Francis demonstrates on an almost daily basis how to accept, love and treat the disabled. It is very common to see him go out of his way to kiss someone who is in a wheelchair, make eye contact with those who some may label as "social outcasts." We in turn see the unabashed looks of joy in their faces. He is not afraid to hold them, and have them hold him in return. This outpouring of love, this demonstration of true Christian behavior, challenges each and every one of us to all open our eyes and see our Christian brothers and sisters as one.

In a message to the 10th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Pope Francis declared:

"We are called to reach out to those who find themselves in the existential peripheries of our societies and to show particular solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters: the poor, the disabled, the unborn and the sick, migrants and refugees, the elderly and the young who lack employment."(October 2013)

Mercy in Action

*This week's **Mercy in Action** is for all of St. Peter Parish to consider donating your Mardi Gras beads to STARC, who serves those with disabilities. You can drop them off at the rectory **THIS WEEK ONLY** (Feb 29-Mar 4) during normal business hours or bring them directly to their office, which is located at 1705 Viola Street in Mandeville.*