



Minute of Mercy

VISIT THE IMPRISONED

This Sunday, November 6, 2016, Pope Francis is declaring a Jubilee for Prisoners. One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to Visit the Imprisoned. It is understandable many would have a bit of apprehension or even fear to embark on a visit to a prison. However, there are those God places in this ministry with a calling deep within their hearts. If you feel over time that you have been called to serve in this capacity, try not to delay and pray for God to grant you the gift of grace for the courage to follow this calling. While most of us have not been imprisoned, it would be a most charitable act of mercy to visit those imprisoned. We must place ourselves in their shoes to imagine their discouragement, loneliness and their feeling of having been forgotten by all. With our visits, we can assure them they are not forgotten and they are loved and prayed for by us. This would give them the strength to endure yet another day without freedom. For the rest of us, our prayers for conversion for them could give them a renewed spirit, one that they know all their freedom has not been taken away but rather give them the incentive to carry on in deeper faith in God. Let them know they still have great value and purpose in this life despite living behind bars. They can work to assist others in prison to a new way of life, a life of hope in Father God.

Mercy in Action

This week's Mercy in Action is for all of St. Peter Parish to pray for those in prison. Pray a Hail Mary for the conversion of heart.