

Guidelines for Works of Mercy Assignment

1. Service is a vital component of preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
2. The purpose of focusing on service during Confirmation preparation is to prepare students for a life of Christian service within their families, Church, and communities.
3. Please complete 12 hours of service in one or a combination of the following areas: **family, church, or community.**
4. Students may work with their parents, sponsors, and other family members in completing their Works of Mercy.
5. The Work of Mercy may be a one-time event or it may be something that he/she commits to over a period of time.
6. It could be a Work of Charity that the parish or school community is already involved with in which you actively join with others in a group effort. There are many ideas of service projects listed in the parish bulletin.
7. Have your son/daughter find a Work of Mercy that corresponds with his/her interests and talents.
8. The student may not receive any form of payment for the Work of Mercy or Charity.
9. We ultimately serve in imitation of Jesus Himself.
10. A Work of Mercy Report is due May 10, 2021.

Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry
To give drink to the thirsty
To clothe the naked
To visit and ransom the captives
To shelter the homeless
To visit the sick
To bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

To admonish the sinners
To instruct the ignorant
To counsel the doubtful
To comfort the sorrowful
To bear wrongs patiently
To forgive all injuries
To pray for the living and the dead

Spiritual / Corporal Works of Mercy Assignment

Due May 10, 2021

Type a one-page paper (double-spaced) describing how the Work of Mercy you chose is rooted in your faith in Jesus and flows from the grace of God.

Your report should include the answers to the following questions in a cohesive manner (connect your thoughts).

What does it mean to serve as Jesus served?

What Work of Mercy or Charity did you choose and why did you choose it? (What ways have you served others in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation?)

Describe your experience. Give the details of your service.

Was it an act of service for your family, Church, or community?

Does this act of service fulfill a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy? Explain why.

What did you learn about yourself by performing this Work of Mercy or Charity?

If you would like to include photos on an additional page, we would love to see you in action!

Be prepared to read your report to your class or talk about your chosen Work of Mercy with your class if your teacher desires you to do so.

Don't forget to type your full name and class on the top of the paper.

Ideas for Works of Mercy Project

Church

- Sign up as an Altar server, usher, or choir member
- Check church bulletin regularly for upcoming special projects and events
- Volunteer at Parish events
- Share the Gospel message with the elderly or homebound
- Volunteer to help with the clothing drive
- Make food for St. Vincent de Paul Society

Family

- Make something for family members to enjoy - card, poem, artwork, gift, dinner
- Cheerfully offer services – babysit, assist with errands and chores
- Teach younger siblings prayers
- Help younger siblings with homework
- Spend time listening to a siblings' problems and then pray together for guidance
- Visit elderly relatives

Community

- Help a neighbor with yard work or assist with some other chore
- Babysit a child without being paid
- Organize or volunteer at a food, clothing, blood, book or toy drive
- Volunteer at scouting, school or community events