

## Works of Mercy

As young Catholics preparing for their Sacrament of Confirmation, we ask our young people to heighten their awareness of those with needs whom they encounter in their daily lives, or become aware of through other means. In a faithful Christian, this awareness should lead to action... "How can I address this need? How can I help improve this situation?"

In our Catholic tradition, we call this action ***The Works of Mercy***. Performing these actions does not always mean coming up with a big project, it is more about awareness, daily awareness of those who may have a need that I can help, rather than being indifferent and non-caring. These people may be in my family, neighbors, friends, or organized groups that solicit help for causes. Parents have all along been forming these attitudes in their children, we are now calling their attention to it.

So, we now ask that as your child is in this immediate time of preparation for Confirmation, they consciously try to live out these Works of Mercy. To help, we will be offering some organized Works of Mercy during the summer months that they may want to get involved in, but certainly, we hope they choose to offer their concern in their own ways, as well.

In the fall, we will ask our Confirmation candidates to share about the Works of Mercy that they chose to perform. They will be given a journal to reflect on at least 6 actions out of all the good they have done for others, and hopefully, continue to do!

**Please see our schedule of Summer 2019 Works of Mercy (sponsored by the Religious Education Office) by clicking on at this website.**

