

# ***ENCOUNTERING CHRIST***

## ***Seeing Jesus, Being Jesus***

### ***Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy Service and Reflections***

- ✦ At your baptism, you became a **MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**.
- ✦ Through your baptism, you are called to share in the “priesthood of Christ”, which means that you are to **PARTICIPATE** in the sacramental life of the Church and to share in the mission of Christ.
- ✦ You are meant to be a **LIVING SIGN** of Christ’s presence in the world.
- ✦ The Gifts of Holy Spirit, which you will receive in fullness at your Confirmation, will strengthen you to **LIVE MORE FULLY** Christ’s call to serve!
- ✦ When you recognize the Holy Spirit in your life, it will motivate you to do many wonderful things, including the traditional **CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**.



“Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service.”

~ Blessed Mother Teresa

## Directions:

As you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important for you to personally reflect on how well you have been living out your baptismal call to be Christ's presence in the world.

Have you ever asked yourself:

- + Am I truly a living sign of Christ in the world?
- + Do I see Jesus in those I encounter?
- + Do others encounter Jesus in me?

If you haven't, these next several months of preparation will be the perfect time to really focus on these question and the ways you may need to challenge yourself to make service more of a priority in your life! If you have, these next several months will help you to grow into an even stronger disciple of Jesus.

What this activity and reflection will help you do is to examine your everyday life, your actions, your choices, and your responses to the needs of others and to honestly see where you need to become more Christ-like.

Over the course of the next 15 months (June 2014- August 2015), you are asked to serve others using the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy listed below as guidelines and then reflect on your experience.

*Some of the works may seem very straightforward, like "Feeding the hungry". Others you may need to think about a bit more, for example, "Help the imprisoned" may refer to those in prison, but it may also refer to those who may be homebound (unable to leave their home due to illness, age or ability). It would be great to talk to your parents and sponsor about how to make these works of mercy part of your life!*

### Corporal Works of Mercy

- + *Feed the hungry*
- + *Give drink to the thirsty*
- + *Shelter the homeless*
- + *Clothe the naked*
- + *Care for the sick*
- + *Help the imprisoned*
- + *Bury the dead*

### Spiritual Works of Mercy

- + *Share knowledge*
- + *Give advice to those who need it*
- + *Comfort those who suffer*
- + *Be patient with others*
- + *Forgive those who hurt you*
- + *Give correction to those who need it*
- + *Pray for the living and the dead*

Although you should strive to do as many of the works as you can, as much as you can, you are asked to write a short reflection each month **highlighting just ONE of the ways** in which you were Christ's presence to someone in need. It would be AWESOME to try to do all 14 of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy over the 15 months of preparation.

Reflections for: June, July, August due at Spirit Night #1  
September, October due at Spirit Night #2  
November, December due at Spirit Night #3  
January, February due at Spirit Night #4  
March, April due at Spirit Night #5  
May '15, June '15, July '15 and August '15 due at the Spirit Day Retreat

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due: 9/14/14

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**June 2014 Reflection:**

**Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy I did this month:**

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**Describe what you did, how you saw Jesus in others, and how you were Jesus to others?**

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**July 2014 Reflection:**

**Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy I did this month:**

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**Describe what you did, how you saw Jesus in others, and how you were Jesus to others?**

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**August 2014 Reflection:**

**Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy I did this month:**

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**Describe what you did, how you saw Jesus in others, and how you were Jesus to others?**

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## **October 2014 Reflection:**

**Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy I did this month:**

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**December 2014 Reflection:**

**Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy I did this month:**

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**February 2015 Reflection:**

**Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy I did this month:**

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**April 2015 Reflection:**

**Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy I did this month:**

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Due: 8/30/15

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**May 2015 Reflection:**

**Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy I did this month:**

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**Describe what you did, how you saw Jesus in others, and how you were Jesus to others?**

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**August 2015 Reflection:**

**Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy I did this month:**

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**Describe what you did, how you saw Jesus in others, and how you were Jesus to others?**

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