

# Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared that the universal Catholic Church will observe a Jubilee Year of Mercy from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016. In the accompanying papal bull, he underscored the Universal Church's *"responsibility to be a living sign of the Father's love in the world."*



## Mercy Passport 2016

This passport outlines the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It is our hope that during the Jubilee Year of Mercy you will have an opportunity to perform these works as you live your faith.

**Go to [www.archlou.org/WorksMercy](http://www.archlou.org/WorksMercy)  
to record your Work of Mercy  
by November 18, 2016.**

*Pope Francis encourages us, "It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy. . . And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy. . . we cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged."*

**Blessed are the merciful, for they  
will be shown mercy. MT 5:7**

# Corporal Works

## Feed the Hungry

My work of mercy: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Ideas for consideration:*

- Help with Catholic Charities Community Gardens and assist clients with selling products at local farmer's markets.
- Volunteer with Meals on Wheels.
- Donate to a food drive or food pantry.
- Volunteer at a local soup kitchen, such as the Cathedral's Daily Lunch Program, Franciscan Kitchen, or St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- Prepare treats for a family member or friend who is unable to do that for themselves.



## Give Drink to the Thirsty

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*Ideas for consideration:*

- Donate to Water with Blessings or to a shoe drive of WaterStep to help bring safe water to the world.
- Donate to Catholic Relief Services safe water or irrigation programs.
- Live more simply – conserve water while cooking, brushing teeth, or showering.
- Use refillable cups and water bottles whenever possible.



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# Corporal Works

## Clothe the Naked

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*Ideas for consideration:*

- Take an inventory of your closet and donate new or gently used items you are no longer wearing to a clothes closet – putting them to better use.
- Donate baby clothes and other items to Catholic Charities Mother-Infant-Care program or volunteer at Catholic Charities Sister Visitor Center.
- Take good care of your possessions so that they are still of good quality when you no longer need them.
- Learn about other organizations such as Dress for Success.



My work of mercy: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Visit the Imprisoned

*Ideas for consideration:*

- Volunteer for parish prison and jail ministry.
- Visit the “imprisoned” – homebound or at a nursing home.
- Become a friendly visitor in Catholic Charities Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.
- Collect quarters for laundry needs for human trafficking victims served by Catholic Charities.
- Consider being a mentor to those newly released from prison.
- Support efforts to end the death penalty.
- Make holiday craft projects or cards for someone who is homebound or in a nursing home.



# Corporal Works

## Shelter the Homeless

*Ideas for consideration:*

- Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.
- Become a member or donate to your parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference.
- Volunteer at a homeless shelter.
- Welcome refugees and help set up their homes by assisting Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services.
- Donate to Catholic Charities USA or Catholic Relief Services disaster relief efforts.

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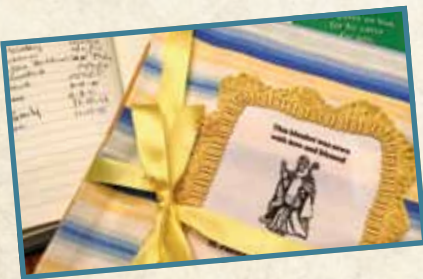
## Visit the Sick

*Ideas for consideration:*

- Visit someone in the hospital or recovering from an illness.
- Volunteer as a Catholic Charities refugee healthcare or senior driver volunteer and provide rides to medical appointments.
- Support or volunteer at a hospice ministry.
- Explore training for the Befriender Hospital Ministry.
- Organize meals or childcare support for a sick friend.

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## Bury the Dead

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*Ideas for consideration:*

- Attend a vigil service to pray for a parishioner.
- Attend the burial of an indigent person.
- Participate with the bereavement ministry at your parish.
- Attend a funeral Mass at your parish as a sign of respect for a fellow parishioner.
- Make cards for someone who has lost a loved one.



# Spiritual Works

## Instruct the Ignorant

*Ideas for consideration:*

- Learn more about your faith and share it with others.
- Donate to the Catholic Enrichment Center's annual school supply collection.
- Become a Youth Refugee Mentor at Catholic Charities.
- Volunteer as a parish catechist.
- Explore opportunities to be a literacy volunteer or to become a tutor for the Catholic Enrichment Center.
- Offer to help someone struggling in an area in which you excel.

My work of mercy: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Counsel the Doubtful

*Ideas for consideration:*

- Invite someone to join you at Mass.
- Share "the reason for your joy" with a friend.
- Volunteer at a pregnancy crisis center.
- Encourage someone having doubts about his or her faith.
- Send a note of gratitude to someone.

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# Spiritual Works

## Admonish Sinners

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*Ideas for consideration:*

- Respond to negative or hurtful comments with a positive response.
- Invite others to stop gossiping and refuse to take part in it.
- Confront or report bullying when you see it.
- Write to your legislators to share your concerns about issues affecting the dignity of human life.
- Model appropriate ways to act and respond through your own actions.



## Comfort the Sorrowful

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*Ideas for consideration:*

- Listen to someone without giving advice.
- Participate in outreach efforts to refugee families.
- Visit or call someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one.
- Demonstrate compassion to those in need by joining your parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference.
- Spend time with someone who is feeling left out, lonely, or sad about something.



# Spiritual Works

## Bear Wrongs Patiently

*Ideas for consideration:*

- Overlook minor offenses.
- Trust in the positive intentions of others.
- Be aware of your own shortcomings and less critical of others.
- Refrain from trying to get others “on your side” when a friend does something that upsets you.
- Peacefully challenge injustices.

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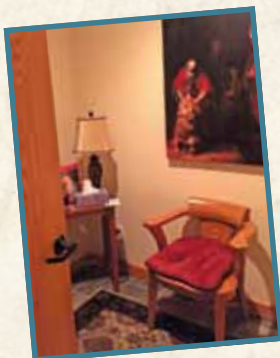
## Forgive All Injuries

*Ideas for consideration:*

- Forgive someone who has wronged you.
- Declare a grudge “over.”
- Pray for those whose choices have led to an injustice.
- Encourage others to forgive and have mercy.
- Tell someone that you have hurt that you are sorry.

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# Spiritual Works

## Pray for the Living and the Dead

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*Ideas for consideration:*

- Commit to a time of daily or regular prayer.
- Pray together as a family on a regular basis.
- Practice spontaneous prayer – using your own words.
- Pray the Rosary.
- Visit the gravesites of loved ones.
- Remember the living and the dead in your nightly prayers.



# In Gratitude

The organizations listed below represent a sampling of the Catholic partners who bring Christ's love and mercy into the world each day:

Befriender Ministry  
Family Ministries Office  
502-636-0296  
family@archlou.org

Boys and Girls Haven  
502-458-1171  
www.boyshaven.org

Cathedral of the Assumption  
Daily Lunch Program  
502-657-5211  
mchesney@cathedraloftheassumption.org

Catholic Charities of Louisville  
502-637-9786  
www.cclou.org/volunteer

Catholic Conference of Kentucky  
502-875-4345  
www.ccky.org

Catholic Enrichment Center  
Office of Multicultural Ministry  
502-776-0262  
cec@archlou.org

Catholic Relief Services  
888-277-7575  
www.crs.org/connect

Crossroads Ministry  
502-638-0683  
crossroadsretreats@gmail.com

Franciscan Kitchen  
502-589-0140  
fsh748@aol.com

Golden Arrow Center  
St. Martin of Tours Parish  
502-589-3537  
doris@louisville-catholic.net

KentuckyOne Health Hospitals  
Shane Fitzgerald, Mission Integration  
502-807-0165  
shanefitzgerald@catholichealth.net

St. John Center for Homeless Men  
502-568-6758  
findhope@stjohncenter.org

St. Joseph Children's Home  
502-893-0241  
info@sjkids.org  
www.sjkids.org/volunteers/

Schuhmann Social Service Center  
St. Martin of Tours Parish  
502-589-6696  
www.stmartinoftourschurch.org/social-concerns/  
schuhmann-center/

Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Call your parish for a local conference or  
502-584-2480  
svdplou@gmail.com

Below is contact information for other local organizations alluded to in the Mercy Passport:

Dare to Care (Food Bank)  
502-966-3821  
www.daretocare.org

Dress for Success (Clothing)  
502-584-8050  
louisville@dressforsuccess.org

Feeding America – Kentucky's Heartland (Food Bank)  
270-735-1407  
www.feedingamericaky.org/

Hosparus Louisville  
502-456-6200  
Hosparus Elizabethtown  
270-737-6300  
www.hosparus.org

Meals on Wheels  
www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org

WaterStep  
502-568-6342  
info@waterstep.org

Water with Blessings  
502-749-5492  
info@waterwithblessings.org

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