

# GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION ACTS OF MERCY COMPONENT

When we put our Catholic faith in action, we demonstrate our commitment to follow Jesus through a Catholic way of life. Such experiences are based on the Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy and, most of all, on the example of Jesus, who came to serve.

**WHAT DOES PERFORMING ACTS OF MERCY SIGNIFY? THE CANDIDATES' ACTS OF MERCY SIGNIFY COMMITMENT TO GIVING WITNESS TO CHRIST IN DAILY LIFE**

## Acts of Mercy Requirements

- Each Candidate is required to complete **THREE Acts of Mercies** broken down into the following categories:
  1. One Parish Act of Mercy
  2. One Community Act of Mercy
  3. One Family Act of Mercy
- Each Candidate should expect to serve a minimum of 30 to 45 minutes for each Acts of Mercy.
- Each candidate is required to submit **THREE** reflection question sheets after completing each Acts of Mercy. (see page 32)

## Acts of Mercy Preparations

Before you choose an act of mercy, ponder these questions in your heart.

- What gifts do I possess and how can I use them to assist the Church in its mission to serve others?
- Does the act of mercy offer a service to a person, the parish, or the community, and is it being done out of love, without pay, without counting the costs?
- Is it charitable service primarily to the poor, the disadvantaged, elderly, or handicapped (those most in need in our neighborhood)?
- How is the Body of Christ strengthened through this act of mercy?
- Is this an area in which I can spiritually grow?

## How to Prepare to Answer Acts of Mercy Reflection Questions

- ✚ Before you begin, pray to the Holy Spirit to teach you to serve like Jesus would serve and to love like Jesus would love.
- ✚ Take a reflection journal with you to help you remember your observations/experiences while you are performing the acts of mercy.
- ✚ Review the reflection questions ahead of time so you can find those holy moments you would like to share.

## **Examples of Apostolic Works at TLV**

Volunteering for Vacation Bible School

Parish grounds keeping

Assisting in Family Faith Formation Gatherings

Working at any parish function

Helping other Parish Ministries

Helping with Breakfast with St. Nick

Helping with Halloween gathering

Helping with Advent wreath making

Helping set up and clean up parish functions

## **Examples of Faith in Action to the Community**

Tues/Wed SEAS Food Closet at NCCS

Rural Ministries helping with meals or Clothes Closet

Saint Gianna Molla Center

**CANDIDATES COMPLETING ANY SERVICE NOT WITHIN TLV  
PARISH BUILDINGS MUST BE ACCOMPAINED BY A  
PARENT.**

