

Faith in Action Project

The intention of this project is to serve those in need. The following steps are necessary to learn and act on what we are called to do by God through our Baptism. Please complete the project in the following order:

1. Read, Study and complete the Faith in Action handout with your candidate.

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Review Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy pg. 4 and then fill out the action plan

2. Choose and make arrangements for Faith in Action Service Project.

Here is a list of possible "Faith in Action" ministries to contact. Feel free to create an idea of your own. Pray about what to do and ask God to lead you to where He wants you to go to take care of His people.

- St. Ann's Home 453-7715 <https://stannshome.com/>
- Franciscan Life Process Center 897-7842 <http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org/>
- Kid's Food Basket 235-4532 www.kidsfoodbasket.org
- God's Kitchen 454-4110 www.ccwestmi.org Visit the Catholic Charities of West Michigan website to learn more about this ministry

Other suggestions: Gilda's Club, Humane Society, Veterans Home.

Need something closer to home? Consider helping an elderly neighbor with yard work, house cleaning or spend time with them doing something fun.

3. Complete the act of service together.

**There are no specific number hours that are needed to complete this project, but it is recommended that you plan to spend for 2-4 hours (one afternoon/evening) in your "Act of Faith" together.*

The key in the volunteer project is to help someone...to look beyond yourself for the sake of another.

The **Rights and Responsibilities** *of the* **Human Person**

RIGHTS

- ⇒ Right to freedom of conscience
- ⇒ Right to religious liberty
- ⇒ Right to raise a family
- ⇒ Right to immigrate
- ⇒ Right to live free from unfair discrimination
- ⇒ Right to have a share of earthly goods sufficient for oneself and our family
- ⇒ Right to life and to those things that make life truly human: food, clothing, housing, health care, education, security, social services, and employment

RESPONSIBILITIES

- ⇒ Responsibility to one another
- ⇒ Responsibility to our families
- ⇒ Responsibility to the larger society
- ⇒ Responsibility to respect the rights of others
- ⇒ Responsibility to work for the common good

(Based on United States Catholic Conference, *A Century of Social Teaching*)

My Action Plan

We need to walk with both feet of Christian service if we really want to make a difference in the world. Works of mercy without works of justice will address people's suffering but not

necessarily the root cause of their suffering. Works of justice address the root cause of suffering but not necessarily people's immediate needs.

One work of mercy that I will do in this coming week:

One work of justice that I will do in this coming week:

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instructing

Advising

Consoling

Comforting

Forgiving

Bearing Wrongs Patiently

Corporal Works of Mercy

Giving Alms (Donations) to the Poor

Feeding the Hungry

Sheltering the Homeless

Clothing the Naked

Visiting the Sick and Imprisoned

Burying the Dead

