

WHY BE A PERSON OF SERVICE...



"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

(Jn 13:14-15)

Christian service flows out of our Catholic beliefs, which are articulated in the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy, and especially in the Church teachings on Social Justice. Being familiar with these teachings will help you to see how your being a person of service can impact the world in a positive way.

As you decide on what types of service you will be engaging in over the next year, remember Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples is a symbol of service, humility, and purification. No act of service is too small or insignificant. At your baptism you were claimed for Christ and called to follow him. Are you up to the call?

Corporal Works of Mercy

- *- to feed the hungry*
- *- to give drink to the thirsty*
- *- to clothe the naked*
- *- to shelter the homeless*
- *- to visit the sick*
- *- to ransom the captive*
- *- to bury the dead*

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- *- to instruct the ignorant*
- *- to counsel the doubtful*
- *- to admonish the sinner*
- *- to bear wrongs patiently*
- *- to forgive offenses willingly*
- *- to comfort the afflicted*
- *- to pray for the living and the dead*