

you came to see me." Then the upright will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Then he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food, I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink, I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, lacking clothes and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or lacking clothes, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help? Then he will answer, "In truth I tell you, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the upright to eternal life.

### **FOLLOW UP CLASS;**

If your students did not do a group project, have each student give a short oral presentation on his/her project.

### **SUGGESTED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. How difficult or easy was your project? Why?
2. What was easier/harder, corporal or spiritual works? Why?
3. What surprised you about the project? The people? Yourself?
4. Would you do this again? Why? Why not?

## **TOPIC: THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

**OBJECTIVE:** to acquaint students with what is expected of them as adult members of the Christian Community.

**MATERIALS:** Enough copies of **THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY** for each student and paper and pencils for a contract.

**ACTIVITY:** Have the students read through the lists. Have them pick one item from each list which they will perform as a service project for the community. You can make this a class project so that everyone does the same project, (ie: giving water out at a race for "give drink to the thirsty" or plan a clothing drive for "clothe the naked") or each student can do something on his/her own and report to class. Have each student fill out a contract for what they are going to do and the dates. Have them sign them and turn them in when they are done. Have a follow up class to discuss the projects when they are finished.

If you have a receptive class, you should make this the focal point of the year with the class doing a project over 6 weeks - 3 months. This could be working at the HOPE PROJECT in New Rochelle or visiting patients at NRHMC or at one of the many nursing homes in New Rochelle. If the students have talent, they might want to entertain. When the project contracts are finished, you might like to end with a ritual such as a class mass and present the contracts at the presentation of the gifts.

### **SUGGESTED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What is the difference between corporal (of the body) and spiritual (of the spirit)?
2. What is an act of mercy?
3. Why would the Church ask its members to do these things?
4. Who do you think benefits for an "act of mercy"? The doer or the recipient?
5. How difficult or easy do you think these things are to do? Why
6. Would you do this if this was not a class project? Why? Why not?

**READING:** Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All nations will be assembled before him and he will separate people one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and