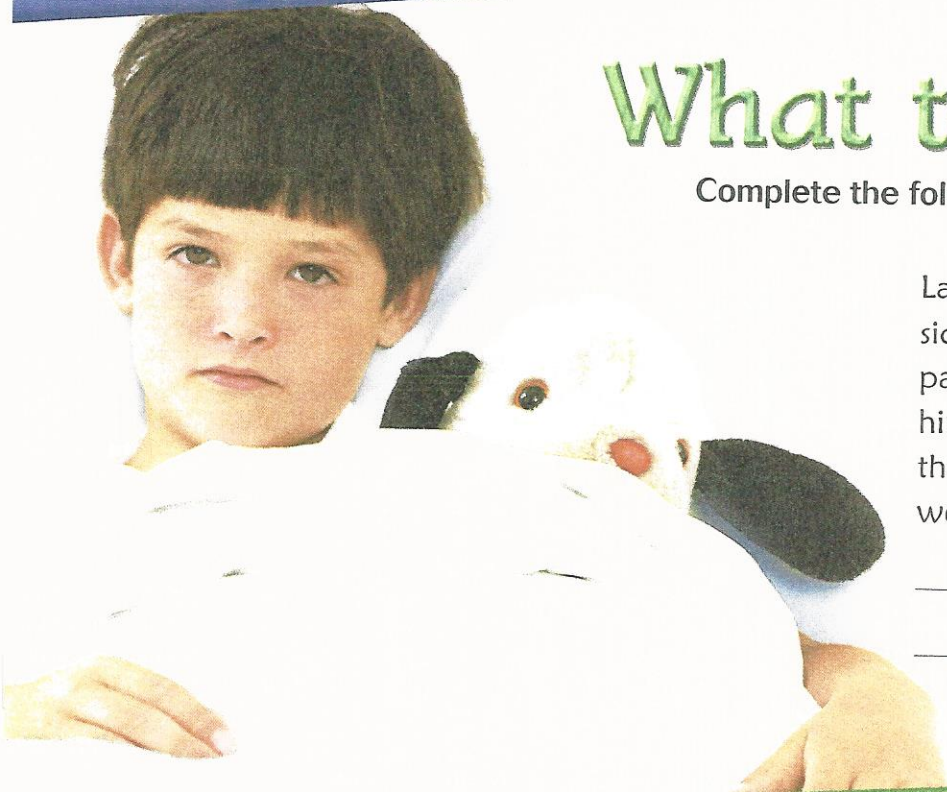


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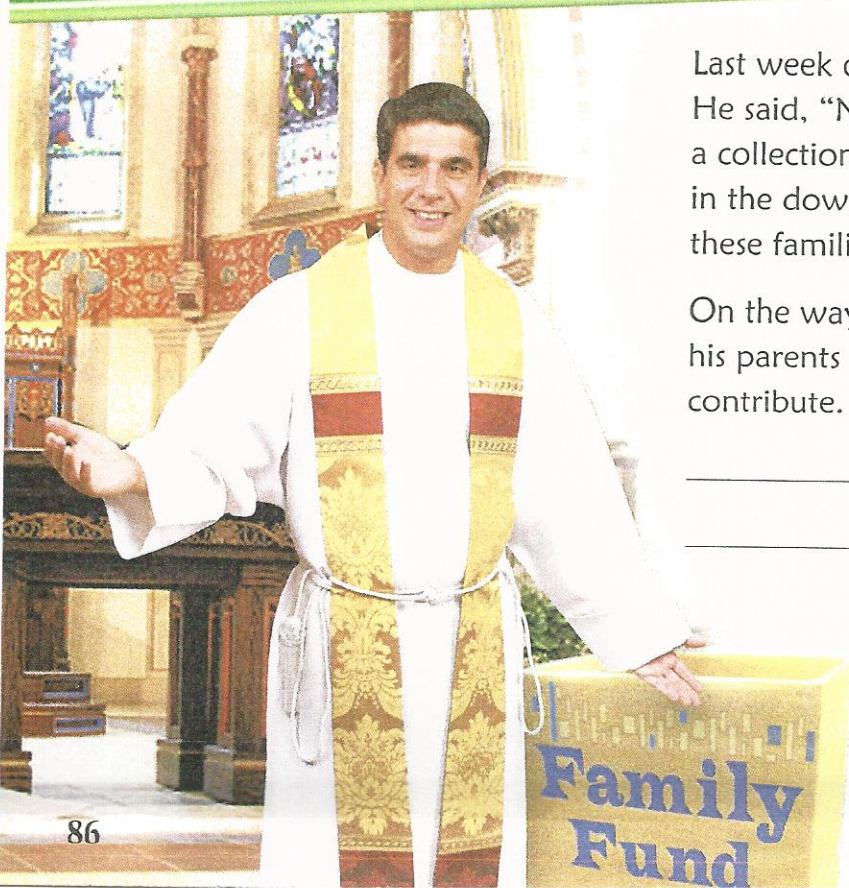
We Serve in Jesus' Name



What to Do?

Complete the following stories.

Last night Cara's little brother was sick. Throughout the night, her parents had taken turns caring for him. This morning Cara noticed that both her mother and father were very tired. Cara decided that

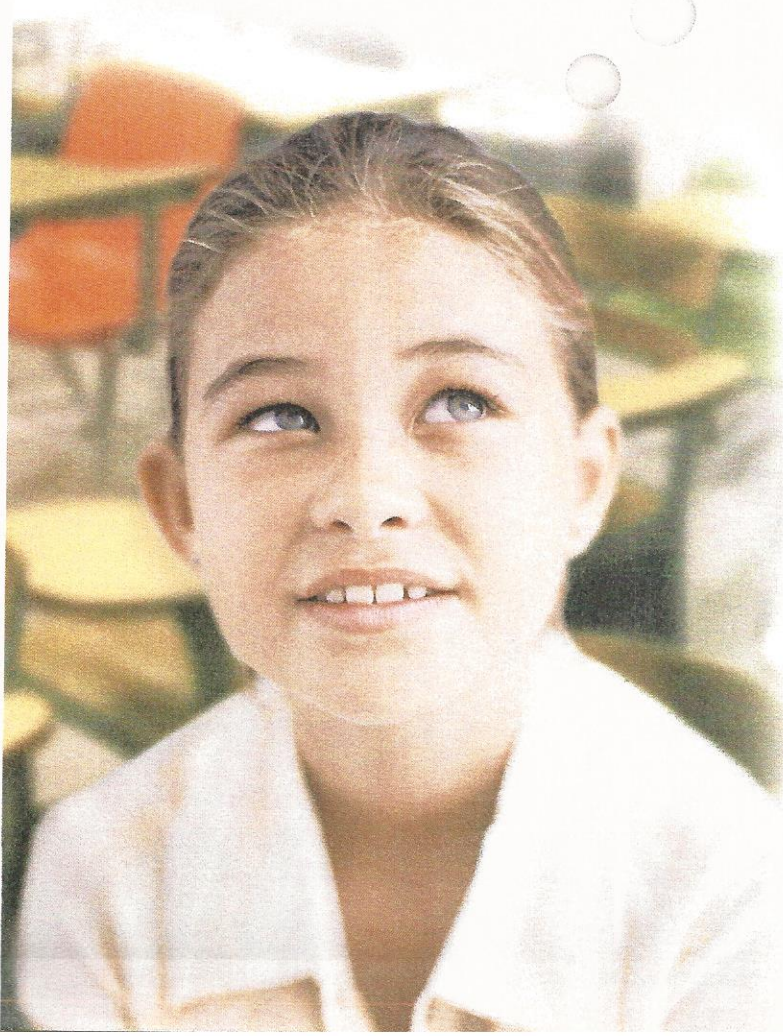


Last week our pastor made a special announcement. He said, "Next week the parish community will have a collection for the families who lost their homes in the downtown fire. Anyone who wishes to help these families may donate clothing, food, or money."

On the way home Matthew Cheng talked with his parents about what the Cheng family would contribute. Matthew and his parents decided that



At Tuesday's meeting of the Protect the Environment Club, Mrs. De Grassi asked the members to participate in a beach sweep. She explained that the club had been asked to clean up Sunset Beach. The sweep would take a few hours. Marissa's best friend, Joanne, said she did not want to participate. Marissa decided that



We Will Learn...

- 1 Jesus is our greatest example of service to others.
- 2 We are called to care for the physical needs of others.
- 3 We are called to care for the spiritual needs of others.



Shelter the homeless.

Visit the imprisoned.



Feed the hungry.

Clothe the naked.

1 Jesus is our greatest example of service to others.

Jesus told his disciples that they should love others as he loved them. And he gave them an example of this love by the way he lived. He cared for those who were in need. He helped those who were sick, visited those who needed his care, and provided food for the hungry.

Jesus told his disciples that at the end of time all of us would be judged by the way we have treated others.

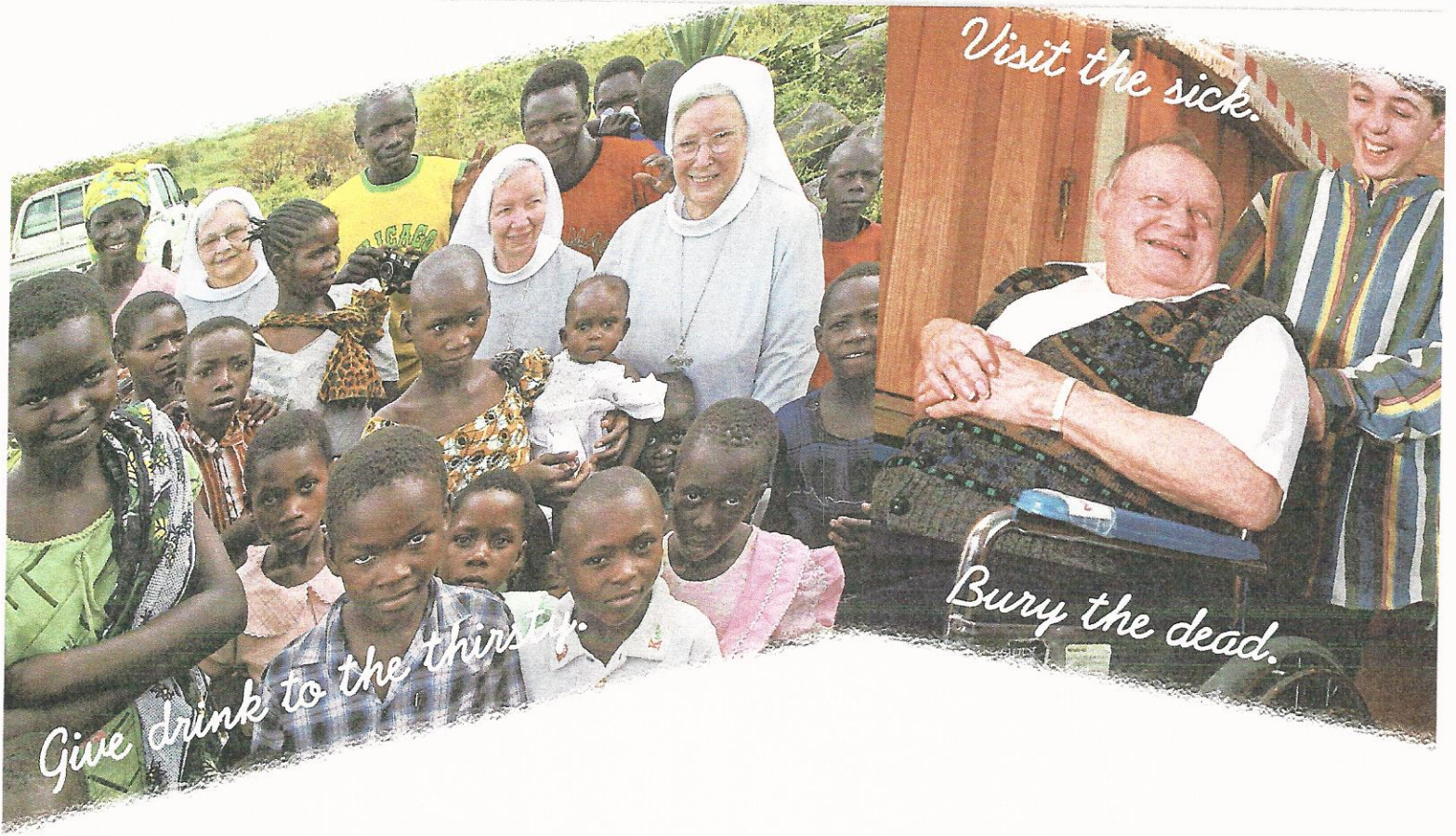
At the Last Judgment at the end of time, Jesus Christ will come again in glory. He will say to those who have led lives of service to others, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:35-36).

For Jesus tells us, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

What can you do this week to show that you are living a life of service to others?

Do You Know?

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to work for justice and peace for all people. We can do this by being a friend to others, especially those who feel lonely or left out. We can treat everyone fairly and help those who are treated unfairly. We can welcome neighbors who are new to our country. We can learn about and care for people who need our help in our own country and throughout the world. We can write to our local and national leaders to ask them to protect the rights and safety of children and all people, especially those in need.



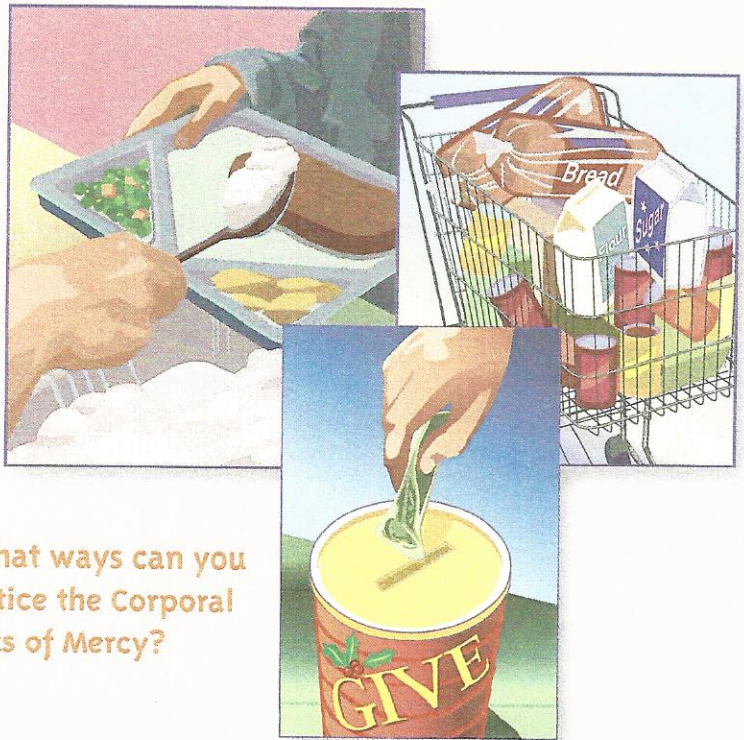
2 We are called to care for the physical needs of others.

Responding to the needs of others is an important part of our Catholic faith. When we respond to others' needs, we are following Jesus' example of showing mercy. The loving acts that we do to care for the needs of others are called the **Works of Mercy**.

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are acts of love that help us care for the physical and material needs of others.

- Corporal Works of Mercy**
- Feed the hungry.
 - Give drink to the thirsty.
 - Clothe the naked.
 - Visit the imprisoned.
 - Shelter the homeless.
 - Visit the sick.
 - Bury the dead.

The Church encourages all members to care for those who are not able to care for themselves. You can check to find out ways your parish community practices the Corporal Works of Mercy.



In what ways can you practice the Corporal Works of Mercy?

3 We are called to care for the spiritual needs of others.

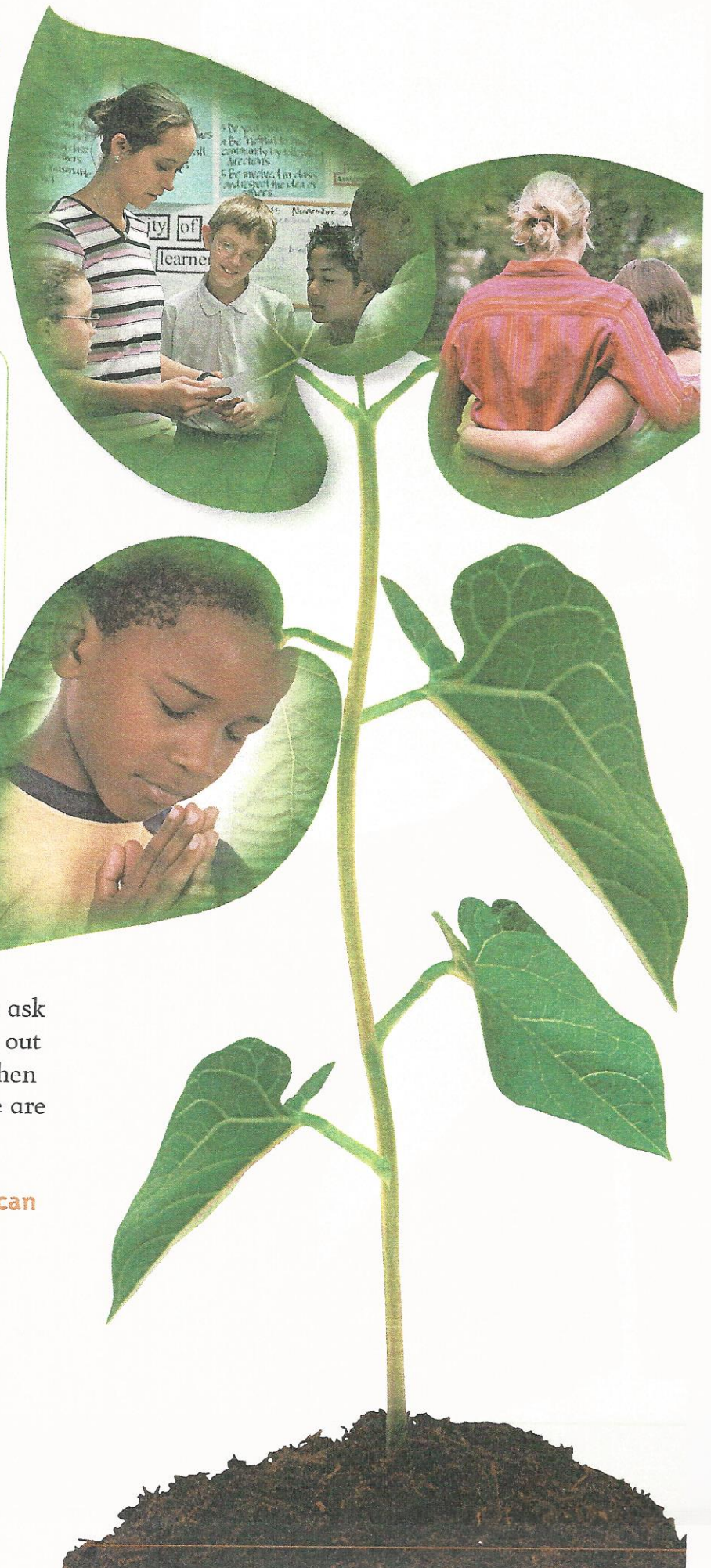
Another way that we can care for the needs of others is through the **Spiritual Works of Mercy**. These are acts of love that help us care for the needs of people's hearts, minds, and souls.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinner.
(Give correction to those who need it.)
- Instruct the ignorant.
(Share our knowledge with others.)
- Counsel the doubtful.
(Give advice to those who need it.)
- Comfort the sorrowful.
(Comfort those who suffer.)
- Bear wrongs patiently.
(Be patient with others.)
- Forgive all injuries.
(Forgive those who hurt us.)
- Pray for the living and the dead.

Both the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are important practices of our Catholic faith. We can ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in carrying out these acts of love in our daily lives. When we carry out these Works of Mercy, we are giving witness to Jesus Christ.

Which of the Spiritual Works of Mercy can people your age do? How?



Review

Complete the following.

1-2. Write two Corporal Works of Mercy.

3-4. Write two Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Discuss the following.

5. In what ways did Jesus care for others?
6. Why is it important for us to follow Jesus' example?
7. What will happen at the Last Judgment?

Faith Words

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With My Family

Sharing Our Faith

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PRAYING TOGETHER



The following prayer is one the Church prays for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Living Our Faith

Think of possible slogans to encourage people to do the Works of Mercy. List them below. Then choose one and on poster board design an ad for a magazine or Web site using your slogan. Share the ad with family and friends.