**Year of Mercy**

**Activities**

 May **Month/Theme** 5th and 6th Corporal Works of Mercy

**Activity Title** Visiting the Homebound and Imprisoned

**Age Group:** 6th – 8th Grades and families

**Description Summary:** This is a grade appropriate activity that can also be done as a family. People [**Pope Francis Verified account** ‏@Pontifex](https://twitter.com/Pontifex) [23 Jul 2015](https://twitter.com/Pontifex/status/624132598466392064) The one who helps the sick and needy touches the flesh of Christ, alive and present in our midst.

**Get Ready:** *Christ Has No Body*

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

**Supplies Needed**: Poster board, markers, and baskets to collect donations and/or money from the parish.

**Make It Happen:** Begin by engaging the students in a discussion concerning isolation- who are the homebound or the imprisoned - spiritual, physical, or emotional? Let them share personal experiences. Review how the church addresses this problem and any parish committees or individual parishioners that have a ministry in this area.

Use the Bibles and read Matthew 25: 31-45.

Now review the 5th and 6th Corporal Works of Mercy.

Have the students make posters for donations of new small boxes of crayons and coloring books. Many children’s hospitals would like to give these to the young patients, who often cannot go to a larger play area….OR…..

The Coleman Professional Services, started by Father Kevin Coleman, is a non-profit that serves individuals who are in a crisis, seeking assistance for an emotional or behavioral problem, seeking services for addictions, or are living with severe and persistent mental illness in eight counties. They have a wish list for their clients posted on their website. <http://www.colemanservices.org/ways-to-give/client-wish-list.aspx>