**Year of Mercy**

**Activities**

 April **Month/Theme** 2nd Spiritual Work of Mercy

**Activity Title** Counsel and Advise the Doubtful

**Age Group:** 6th – 8th Grades

**Description Summary:** When in doubt, rely on the Theological virtues.

**Get Ready:** Prepare signs for: Doubt, Faith, Hope, and Charity

 Prepare a list of questions for each of the words.

 Ex: Faith: What is belief in God?

 Which virtue is strengthened by attending parish Religious Education

 Programs?

 Hope: Which virtue keeps up our spirits when we feel alone?

 Which virtue helps us desire the kingdom of heaven? Etc.

**Supplies Needed**: Bibles

**Make It Happen:** Begin by engaging the students in a discussion concerning Doubt. Use the Bibles and read the Sunday readings for April to show how saints can also have doubts. Include Matthew 28: 16-17.

Pray the Apostles Creed..

Distribute the prepared mixed list of questions, or do them verbally. Allow the students to come up with their own ways to practice the virtues.

Now review the 2nd Spiritual Work of Mercy.

Review the definitions for Faith, Hope, and Charity. Explain how accepting these gifts from God help us to live our lives as God wants us to live, despite our doubts.

Optional Videos: CatholicByte Apologetics - Faith, Doubt & Truth

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANXS0bwfgBs>