



# Catholic Central Activity Guide

## Episode 53: Corporal Works of Mercy

### Diving Deeper

- ▶ Do you need to be Catholic to do corporal works of mercy? How might being Catholic enrich service to others?
- ▶ Have you ever witnessed a positive impact from someone carrying out one of the corporal works of mercy? What were some of the effects on those involved?
- ▶ Just as “burying the dead” was added to the original corporal works of mercy when early Christians recognized a need for it, Pope Francis recently proposed “care for the environment” as a complement to our existing corporal works of mercy. How can caring for the environment help to meet people’s material or physical needs?

### Go Forth

- ▶ Create a bookmark, note card, wallet card, poster, or any other visual with a list of the 8 corporal works of mercy or images that represent them. Put your list in a place where you’ll see it regularly as a reminder: Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Visit the imprisoned, Bury the dead, Care for the environment
- ▶ By yourself or with a group, make a plan to participate in one work of mercy. Consider ideas from the video. Afterward, reflect on your experience: What work of mercy did you perform? How did it help others? Is this something you could do regularly?



### Resources

- ▶ [Corporal Works of Mercy in Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46](#)
- ▶ [Catholic Central episode: Care for the Environment](#)
- ▶ [USCCB: Practical ways to live the Corporal Works of Mercy](#)
- ▶ [Pope Francis’ Message for the 2016 World Day of Prayer For the Care of Creation \(proposing “care for our common home” as a corporal work of mercy\)](#)
- ▶ [Reflections: Saints & the Corporal Works of Mercy](#)

