



SECOND MEETING SAINTS AND SERVICE

The judgment speech of Jesus, Mt 25:31-46, is really based on the two great commandments of love; love of God and love your neighbor as yourself. Christ tells us very clearly we will be judged by how well we take care of those who are disadvantaged. True commitment to our faith requires us to change our inner being – our spirits, dispositions and attitudes toward serving others. Saints are models of people who have lived this way, serving God and others by doing the works of mercy.

The focus here is on developing an attitude toward service more than doing some particular thing on a one-time basis to fulfill a requirement. The goal is to help the youth realize that responsible Christianity implies a commitment to a lifetime of service to others.

Discussion Format

- Begin with a prayer
- Share how you have been praying more often in your life
- Read together each of the following scripture passages about service. Discuss each passage together in light of these questions:
 - What truth or principle does it teach us about service?
 - Do my own efforts at service reflect this truth?

-Matthew 25: 31-46

-James 2: 14-26

-1 Corinthians 12:12-31

-Luke 12: 8-12

- What are obstacles to serving others?
 - Time
 - Sports
 - Homework
 - Telephone conversations or texting
 - Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Google+, ect.)
 - Video games/TV
 - Other
 - Possible solution
 - Lack of opportunity
 - Don't know who needs help
 - Feel you don't have the skills to help
 - Transportation
 - Other
 - Possible solution

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY		CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY	
-Instructing	-Comforting	-Feeding the Hungry	-Visiting the Sick and
-Advising	-Forgiving	-Sheltering the	Imprisoned
-Consoling	-Bearing Wrongs	Homeless	-Burying the Dead
	Patiently	-Clothing the Naked	

- Discuss the work of mercy that is easiest to understand and practice.
- Which work of mercy is hardest to practice?
- Is service done when we are confirmed? Why or why not?
- Talk about how you as an adult serve others.
- What saint means the most to you? Why? How did they live the works of mercy?
- Discuss people who are living today that are saintly. What qualities do they have?

Sponsor signature _____ Date _____

Candidate signature _____ Date _____

MEETING SUMMARY (TO BE FILLED OUT BY CANDIDATE):

One thing I enjoyed about our meeting was:

Some things I learned about service and saints:

Something I learned about myself:

Our next meeting date is:

Please return this signed sheet to your teacher or to the Religious Education office in the parish office building.