



Christian Stewardship Experiences

Jesus told us that the Kingdom of God is within each of us. He gave us the **Beatitudes** to help us be good stewards of the Kingdom of God. As Catholics, we adopt an “attitude of gratitude” while we share our Time, Talent and Treasure for the benefit of the entire community of faith. We live out the Gospel message through our participation in the **Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy** (see the attached list). We reach out to the civil community in **faithful stewardship** to our neighbors. As part of the preparation process for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a **minimum of twenty hours of Stewardship is required** by each Candidate.

The Faith Formation Team recommends **several different experiences** included in the twenty hours of service.

One Service Activity Per Sheet

Activity: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Signature: _____

How many hours were you engaged in this activity? _____

Please explain exactly what you did. _____

How did this activity relate to a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy? Please explain which Work of Mercy you were performing during this activity. _____



The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Mercy is a virtue. It compels us to alleviate the suffering of another. The Church presents us with 7 spiritual and 7 corporal works of mercy. These are ways in which we can practice charity, which means Christian love, to others and thus bring about tremendous good in the world. The practice of these works is required of all of us. These works are binding. Though it may not always be possible to practice them, as the situation does not present itself to perform these works at all times, we should always take the opportunities to live by these works when possible.*

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Warn the sinner

Instruct the ignorant

Counsel the doubtful

Pray for the living and the dead

Bear wrongs patiently

Comfort the sorrowful

Forgive all injuries

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry

Give drink to the thirsty

Visit the imprisoned

Visit the sick

Bury the dead

Shelter the homeless

Clothe the needy

For more information visit: www.crossroadsinitiative.com

* <http://catholicmessage.blogspot.com/2007/03/spiritual-works-of-mercy.html>