Pope Francis declares Holy Year of Mercy

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Join Emmaus Ministry during this Jubilee Year offering love and mercy to all God's creation through Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

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Corporal Works of Mercy

- **Feed the hungry**
  - Make sandwiches or soup for distribution to the streets, prepare hot meals, assemble box lunches; sponsor holiday meals or coffee and donuts at the shelters; conduct canned food, toilet paper, paper towel drives; stock and organize pantry shelves or prepare grocery bags
- **Give drink to the thirsty**
  - Conduct collection drives of bottled water, powdered drink mixes; serve coffee to the homeless, distribute popsicles in the summer
- **Clothe the naked**
  - Conduct collection drives for socks, sneakers, winter boots, hats and gloves for men and women; sort and stock ministry donations or assemble clothing packages
- **Shelter the homeless**
  - Conduct collection drives for washcloths, bath towels, single twin sheets, blankets and pillows; collect and assemble personal care item packs
- **Visit the sick**
  - Visit a friend or family member in a hospital or rehabilitation facility; check on a neighbor who is recuperating at home
- **Visit the imprisoned**
  - Send cards to the incarcerated; send cards and assemble care packages for homebound parishioners; visit a senior citizen, Alzheimer care or end of life care facility
- **Bury the dead**
  - Attend calling hours and funeral masses especially of those without family, elderly or social outcasts; offer mass intentions

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- **Instruct the ignorant**
  - Learn more about your faith, spend time reading the Bible, reflect before the Blessed Sacrament; attend a seminar or workshop on the Catholic faith; offer to teach religious education or RCIA classes
- **Counsel the doubtful**
  - Share something about your faith with family or friends; keep a spiritual journal
- **Admonish the sinner**
  - Do an examination of conscience; frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation; charitably help a friend to see their wrong
- **Comfort the sorrowful**
  - Card campaign to parishioners that have suffered loss; attend funerals; reach out to those in pain and offer unconditional presence
- **Bear wrongs patiently**
  - Turn the other cheek; let go of a long standing grudge
- **Forgive all injuries**
  - Acknowledge and accept an apology; pray for those that hurt you; offer forgiveness to others
- **Pray for the living and dead**
  - Offer a daily prayer intention for all humanity; offer a daily intention for all who have died that day, especially those who die alone

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While these are ways the Corporal Works of Mercy can be performed with Emmaus Ministry, ideas can be parish specific.