



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

February 2016,
Miami Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In this month let us try to encourage our children to love God and our neighbor's, stressing how important it is to ask for forgiveness from any one we had offended.

On February 10 .We start Lent with Ash Wednesday. Start preparing your heart with daily mass.

Important Feast and Saints:

February 02 Mary, Mother of God

February 03 St Blass

February 05 St Agatha

February 06 Saint Paul Miki & Companions

February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

February 14 San Cyril & Methodius

February 14 Valentine Day

February 18 St Bernadette Soubirois

February 22 The Chair of St Peter's

Enclosed Materials and Activities:

1-Monthly calendar & Meditations on the Sunday Gospel:

2- Missionary Rosary

3- We celebrate Lent:

4- Saint Cyril and Methodius

5- Saint Bernadette

6-Works of Mercy-Game

Suggested DVD's:

1. Bernadette the Princess of Lourdes
2. Penance

May God Bless you always,

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 2 Samuel 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13; Psalm 3 Mark 5: 1-20	2 Malachi 3: 1-4 Psalm 24 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	3 2 Samuel 24:2,9-17 Psalm 32 Mark 6: 1-6	4 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Psalm/Cr 29:10, 11ab Mark 6:7-13	5 FIRST FRIDAY SAINT AGATHA Sirach 47:2-11; Psalm 18 Mark 6:14-29	6 FIRST SATURDAY 1 Kings 3:4-13 Psalm 119 Mark 6:30-34
7 5to Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 6: 1-2a,3-8 Psalm 138 1 Co 15:1-11 Luke 5: 1-11	8 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132 Mark 6:53-56	9 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30; Psalm 84 Mark 7:1-13	10 Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18	11 Dt 30:15-20; Psalm 1 Luke 9:22-25	12 Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51 Matthew 9: 14-15	13 Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Psalm 86 Luke 5: 27-32
14 First Sunday of Lent Det 26: 4-10 Psalm 91 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4: 1-13	15 Leviticus 19: 1-2,11-18; Psalm 19 Matthew 25: 31-46	16 Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34 Matthew 6:7-15	17 Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51 Luke 11:29-32	18 Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Psalm 138 Matthew 7:7-12	19 Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130 Matthew 5:20-26	20 Dt 26: 16-19; Psalm 119 Matthew 5:43-48
21 Second Sunday of Lent Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36	22 1 Peter 5: 1-4; Psalm 23 Matthew 16: 13-19	23 Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Psalm 50 Matthew 23: 1-12	24 Jeremiah 18: 18-20; Psalm 31 Matthew 20:17-28	25 Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 Luke 16: 19-31	26 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, Psalm 105 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46	27 Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
28 Third Sunday of Lent Exodus 3: 1-8a 13-15 Psalm 103 1 Co 10: 1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9	29 2 Kings 5:1 - 15ab; Psalm 42 Luke 4: 24 -30					

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 7, 2016

Readings: Isaiah 6, 1- 2a. 3-8; Psalm 137, 1-8; 1Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5, 1-11

Jesus calls the first disciples

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Luke 5, 1-11)

Reflection

In the gospel of this week we see how Peter and his companions fished all night, but it was in vain. Still they trusted Jesus' word and cast their nets again. The outcome of our efforts lies in our faith and trust in Jesus. Have you ever been trying something for a long time and nothing works? Would you trust in Jesus and try one more time? What do you say to Jesus when he tells you to try again? Jesus tells you not to get discouraged when your efforts seem to be useless. He has given you the ability to do good and beautiful things for yourself and for others. Are you trying to do something good for yourself or others? Share.

Activity

Bring to the group a basket with different types of fishes, cut from cardboard. Give two to each child. Ask them to write on one of them what they want to achieve and on the other the things in which they need Jesus' help to achieve it. Share and then every one places their fish in the basket that has been placed in the altar. As they place them they said: "Jesus, I will do what you want me to do."

Prayer

Jesus, you are the light of the nations. Sometimes we get discouraged when we are trying to achieve something and it does not work. Help us to always have faith in you remembering all the times you have helped us. Teach us perseverance when we try to do good for others, knowing that you are always with us. Amen.



MISSIONARY ROSARY

Hey!

Did you know that we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7? Did you know that Our Lady in Fatima asked us to pray the rosary for world peace?

Let's travel around the world praying the rosary! Sound good?

want you to pray the rosary everyday

try to console me

AMERICA

Mother who is here!

Red is for the continent of the Americas, whose first inhabitants were the Indians



Green reminds us of the African jungles.



AFRICA

AMERICA

EUROPE

ASIA

OCEANIA

On each continent we are going to visit a Shrine dedicated to Our Lady. How fun!



Yellow is for Asia, for the land of the rising sun, cradle of civilization

Blue reminds us of Oceania with its many islands dispersed throughout the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean.



My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge



MISSIONARY ROSARY





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Ash Wednesday - February 10, 2016

Readings: Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 50,3-6,12-17; 2 Corinthians 5, 20,6,2; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Lent: Time to return to God

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)

Reflection

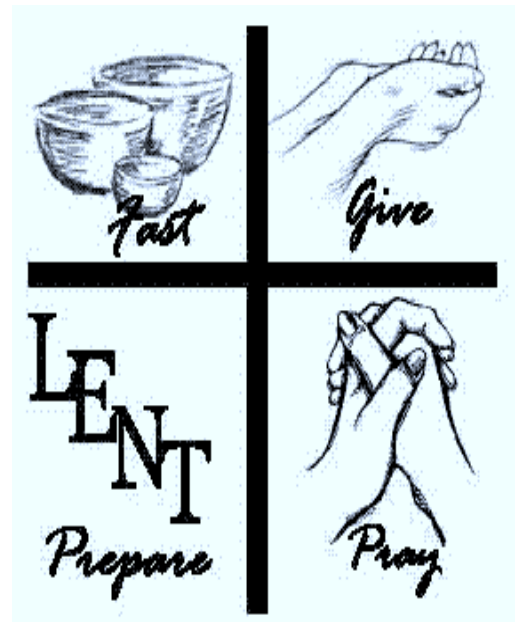
The Lenten practices (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are expressions of our desire to draw closer to God, and not reasons to brag about our goodness. Jesus says that more important than what people do or give up for Lent is what they do because they love God and God loves them. What do you think would please Jesus that you could do this Lent? Share what each one would offer.

Activity

Prepare a money-box for each child. Ask them to place in it some of the money they receive from their parents for food or something they wanted to have. This way they will offer a sacrifice to Jesus for something they wanted to have. At the end of Lent give it as a group to the needy children.

Prayer

Lord, these ashes remind us of our origin on earth and our destiny, which is you. Rekindle our fire, our love for you and one another, and lead us to a new life of love, affection, compassion and forgiveness. Amen.



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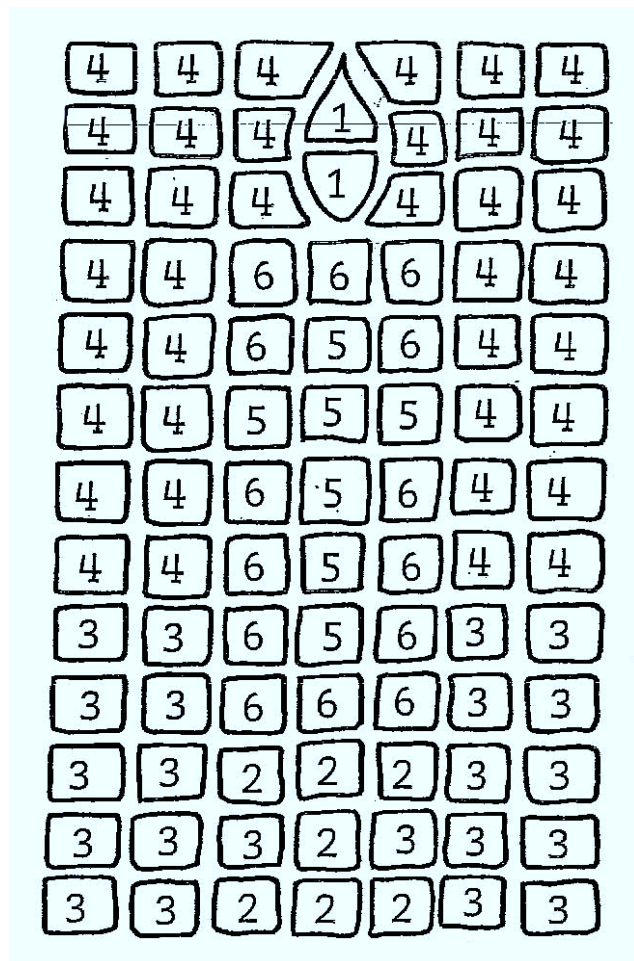
We celebrate lent: Following Jesus

Lent is the forty days before Easter. During this time we try to become more like Jesus. We are asked to pray and do good works. Here are some ways you can become more like Jesus. Can you think of one more thing you can do during Lent to follow Jesus more closely?

1. Clean your room.
2. Help your parents.
3. Pray every day
4. Play nicely with others
5. Go to Mass, and listen to the readings.
6. _____

When you do something during Lent to show your love to God, color one of the blocks. It will help you remember your Baptism.

- 1 = Yellow
- 2 = Red
- 3 = Brown
- 4 = Blue
- 5 = Black
- 6 = White



Walking by Faith



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1st Sunday of Lent- February 14, 2016

Readings: Deuteronomy 26, 4-10; Psalm 90, 1-2, 10-15; Romans 10, 10-13; Luke 4, 1-13

The Temptations of Jesus

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live on bread alone.'" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time. (Luke 4, 1-13)

Reflection

Jesus refuses to act against God: to seek material things and power. Do you sometimes feel tempted to do things that deep in your heart you know are not good (lies, disobedience, fights, not studying)? Tell Jesus what would help you to resist temptation. Tell him what you would like to do this week. (Help: instead of bossing your younger siblings give up something you like but do not need) Share.

Activity

Ask the children to act the story of the gospel. What does the devil say to them? What does he promise? How do they respond?

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we get side tracked and think that the only thing we need to be happy is money or power. We sometimes forget that everything comes from you. Help us to be with you this Lent, knowing that you alone are our God. Amen.



Saint Cyril and Methodius

Were brothers who lived in Greece. They worked together to bring God's love to the people in eastern Europe.



February 14

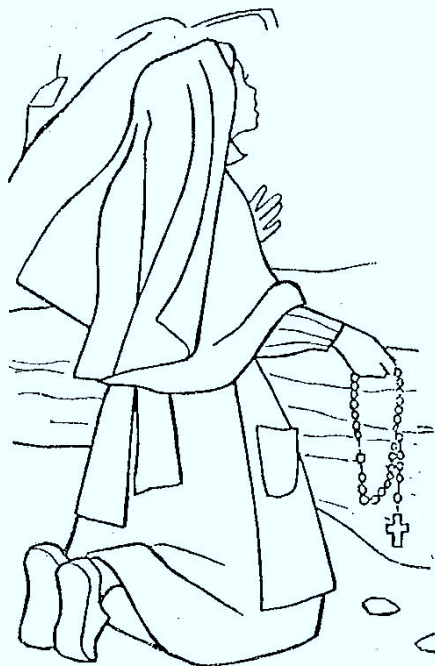
My Prayer:

Sometimes, God, I do not work with my family and friends to share your love. Let me see you in the people who are closest to me. Amen.

Saint Bernadette

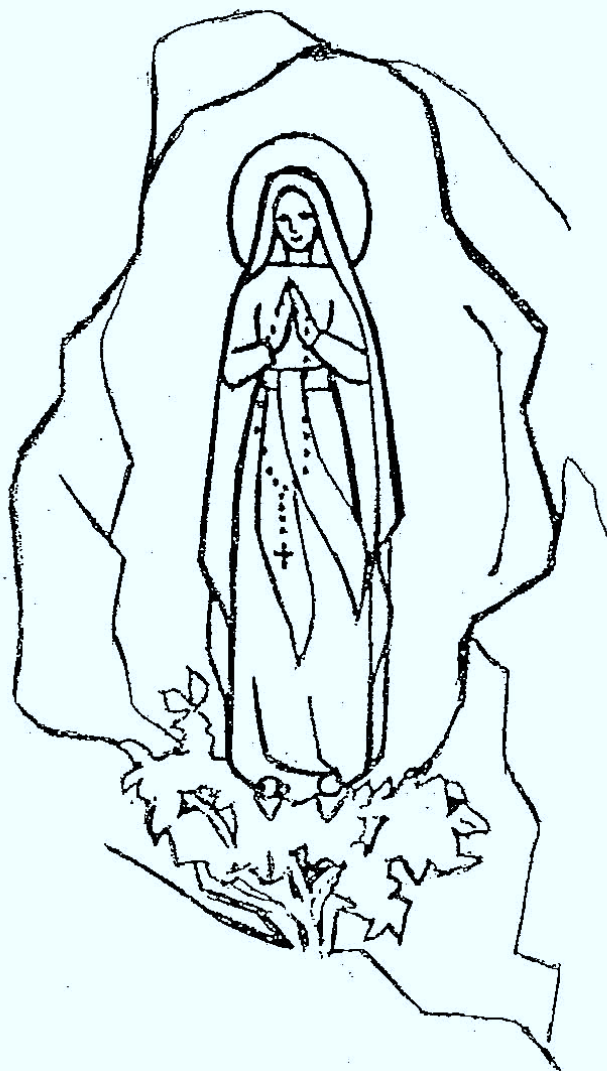
February 18

Saint Bernadette was a poor girl. One day she went out to get some wood for the stove.. She walked along the rocks by the river. All at once, she saw the holy Virgin Mary high up on a rock. The Virgin Mary was for real, and she was very beautiful. Bernadette did not know



who the lady was, but she knelt down and took our her rosary. The lady smiled and looked pleased. She told Bernadette she wanted a church build at the rock. A lot of people still go to that church and pray . Not everybody gets to see Jesus' Holy Mother stand on a rock like Bernadette and please our holy Mother Mary. Only sometimes we get tired when we pray the rosary. There are so many Hail Marys.

We keep thinking how many more we have to pray. But if we forget about how many Hail there are and think instead of how once upon a time Jesus was a baby and grew up and told the people about God and then die on the cross. And if we think of how he came alive again and went to heaven and sent us the Holy Spirit -if we think of all these things, the Holy Marys will go by in a hurry. It is a good way to pray the rosary. It is the way Saint Bernadette prayed.



Jesus, if your holy Mother smiled and looked please when Bernadette prayed the rosary, your Mother must like us to pray the rosary. And you must like us to pray the rosary, too. Help me to remember to pray the rosary now and even when I grow up. Amen



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2nd Sunday of Lent February 21, 2016

Readings: Genesis 15, 5-12.17-18; Psalm 26.1.7-9.13-14; Philippians 3, 17-4, 1; Luke 9, 28b-36

The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. (Luke 4, 1-13)

Reflection

In the readings of this week we can see how Abraham trusted in God's promises and God was pleased with him. Saint Paul reminds us that we must keep our faith, as we live with the difficulties and struggles of this life. The scene of the Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of our final destiny, but first we must experience suffering as Jesus did. Jesus offers a life of service, sharing, and loving, loving even our enemies and people we don't like. What special moments with your family or friends will you sometimes want to freeze and stay there? How do these good experiences help you to go through other more difficult moments? What makes them happy?

Activity

Bring blank paper to the group. Ask the children to draw or write in them things or events that make them happy. As they finish let them share.

Prayer

Jesus, sometimes it is difficult to see you in the midst of the difficulties in our lives. Help us to have hope, to see you in moments of happiness, and to see your glory in the goodness of the members of our family and friends. Amen.





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Third Sunday of Lent, February 28 2016

Readings: Exodus 3, 1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 102; 1Corinthians 10, 1-6.10-12; Luke 13, 1-9

Turn from your Sins

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'" (Luke 13, 1-9)

Reflection

God gives us all kinds of opportunities to do Good, but we cannot remain inactive for too long. We are called to produce good deeds of service for others. What do you think Jesus was trying to say by telling this story? What does the tree represent? Could it be you? What kinds of things do their parents constantly ask them to do? Why do they have to repeat these requests? When their parents or teachers are about to punish them for something, do they ask for another chance? Do they usually get it? Are they patient with their younger brothers or sisters? Are you willing to give someone who has upset or hurt you a second chance? Share.

Activity

Prepare a construction paper tree. The tree should have leaves but no fruit. Ask them to draw and cut out fruit. On the fruit they would write what they will do (helping mother, well-done homework, listening better, visit someone that is lonely). As they place their fruits on the tree they express their commitment for the week. And at the same time the rest respond: "Thank you Jesus for being patient with me."

Prayer

Lord, you are endlessly patient with us. Help us to produce good fruits. Teach us to be understanding and patient with one another. Amen.



GAME - WORKS OF MERCY

The works of mercy are acts of charity by means of which we help our brothers and sisters in all their corporal and spiritual needs. With the works of mercy we show our charity to others, and they are works that are very pleasing to God.

Instructions for the Game

To begin the game you have to cut out the cards one by one and stick them to pieces of cardboard or something hard so they won't get tattered.

In this game we are going to put your memory to the test. You will need three players. One of them directs the game and the other two participate in the game. The player who directs the game places all the cards facing downwards (so that the pictures can't be seen), the other two players take turns choosing a card, pointing at the one they want. The director of the game flips the card, the player who chooses it has to say which work of mercy it is and whether it is spiritual or corporal. If he gets it right the first time he keeps the card, if not it's the next player's turn.

The player who first succeeds in getting the 7 corporal and 7 spiritual works of mercy wins. If you choose a card, and you see that you already have it, you must "pass" or "I don't want it", and then it's the other player's turn again. You can't have two copies of the same card, that's cheating, which is wrong.

There are 14 pictures illustrating the works of mercy, and 28 cards in total. If you want to play with 4 players, make another set of cards (56 cards in total).

SPIRITUAL WORKS

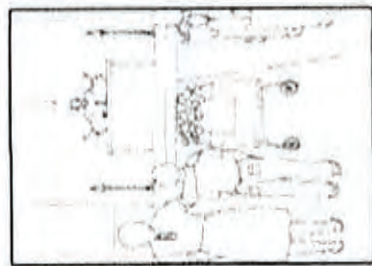
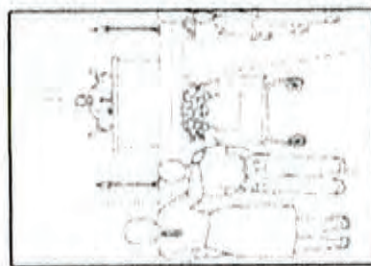
1. Instruct the ignorant.
2. Counsel the doubtful.
3. Correct the sinner.
4. Comfort the sorrowful.
5. Forgive those who do us wrong.
6. Bear the wrongs of others patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

CORPORAL WORKS

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.



WORKS OF MERCY - SPIRITUAL



WORKS OF MERCY - CORPORAL