

FROM THE DEACON

We interrupt Fr Von...

Two weeks ago at two of the Masses, part of my homily consisted of some easy, tangible ways we all are performing Spiritual and Corporal Acts of Mercy in our lives. These clearly connected for me with the first and second readings of that weekend (Fourth Sunday of Easter). Part of the intent was to help jumpstart our tracking “One Million Acts of Mercy” and the completion of our puzzle in the wing of the church. I mentioned in the Homily that I think many of us are doing things in our lives that are Acts of Mercy that we may not think of in those terms. Even if we aren’t doing them, they can be simple enough that we can begin to incorporate them in our everyday lives.

After one of the Masses a Parishioner suggested that some of them were familiar enough that perhaps we could include them in the bulletin as an insert so that they could be “placed on the refrigerator” to remind us of them during the week. I was tremendously humbled that anything I said might be considered for anyone’s refrigerator, which I view as a place of prominence in the home. Usually, good report cards and family photos take the place of honor on people’s refrigerators. But I thought it was a great suggestion and so I humbly submitted the items I mentioned in my Homily for Fr Von to consider putting in the bulletin.

As a reminder, these items were accompanied by precut slips of paper listing the Acts of Mercy. There are still plenty of these at the main entrance of the church. If you can, please take one at the Mass you attend this weekend and fill it out and leave it in the collection or give it to one of the Greeters. Your efforts will help us watch the increase in our Acts of Mercy as a Parish and ultimately help us complete the puzzle! (As an incentive, there may be a photo or two of our own Fr Von embedded in the puzzle!)

Peace!

Deacon Tom

Instruct the Uninformed

- **All our Faith Life and Confirmation team members are doing this**
- **All those going to Fr Von’s Monday night sessions are doing this**

Counsel the doubtful

- **Just Listen to someone who needs an ear! Parents – find five minutes just to let your children talk to you once a day!**

Comfort the sorrowful

- **Do something specifically to make someone else happy – try your spouse! They don’t have to be in sorrow for your action to have merit, just doing it out of love is comfort!**

Bear wrongs patiently

- **Anyone that is married can find plenty of these in any given week and it will strengthen your marriage!**

Forgive offenses

- **Find someone in your life to forgive. We just passed out a book on this topic at Easter.**
- **Find someone at work who needs you to give them a second chance**

Pray for the living and the dead

- **As a parish we just did the Spiritual adoption of the unborn, 78 babies. Even if you didn’t adopt one of these Spiritual Children, just say a simple prayer like “Jesus please protect these unborn children.”**
- **Offer a short pray for any deceased family members, or for your family in the morning when you start your car and when you leave work at the end of the day – 10 simple opportunities this week praying for our deceased family members or our living loved ones.**

Feed the hungry

- **Watch for our next upcoming Community Dinner – help out or just attend!**

Clothe the naked

- **Donating clothes to Goodwill or any of the many places we donate used clothes**