

# Works of Mercy

Before the session, read the following sections from Scripture and the Catechism and answer the related questions. Finally, watch the short Catholics Come Home video, *Epic National 120*. Links are provided in each section below.

## **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

Paragraphs 2443-2449, 2459-2463 ([English](#) [Español](#))

- a. What stands out to you from these paragraphs?
- b. Paragraph 2447 lists both the Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy.

<b><u>The Corporal Works of Mercy</u></b>	<b><u>The Spiritual Works of Mercy</u></b>
Feed the hungry	Instruct the ignorant
Give drink to the thirsty	Admonish the sinner
Clothe the naked	Counsel the doubtful
Visit the sick and imprisoned	Comfort the sorrowful
Sheltering the homeless	Forgive injuries
Bury the dead	Bear wrongs patiently
Give alms to the poor	Pray for the living and the dead

- Which of these comes easiest to you? Which is most challenging?
- How well does your parish do these?
- St. Teresa of Calcutta once said that, “the greatest poverty is to not know Jesus.” What does this tell us about the spiritual works of mercy?

## **Scripture**

Mathew 25:31-46 ([English](#) [Español](#))

Acts 6:1-7 ([English](#) [Español](#))

- a. What stands out to you from these readings?
- b. What does Mathew 25 reveal about the corporal works of mercy?
- c. What does Acts 6 convey about the spiritual works of mercy?

## **Video**

Watch the Catholics Come Home Video, **Epic National 120** ([English](#) [Español](#))

- a. How would you assess the Catholic Church’s response to both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy?