

Appendix A Works of Mercy Service Project Ideas

FEED THE HUNGRY / GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

- Organize a group to make sandwiches and hand them out to residents of the Haven of Rest or the Inasmuch House.
- Over a period of a month, pick up leftovers at a local grocery store, bakery or restaurant and deliver them to the Haven of Rest or the Inasmuch House.
- Volunteer at the Food Bank of South Central Michigan, God's Kitchen or St. Phil's Sunday Supper.
- Organize a Catholic Relief Services Food Fast and donate the proceeds to the Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul or one of the Catholic Relief Services projects.
- Conduct a brown bag food drive in your school or neighborhood and donate the goods to the St. Vincent de Paul society.

CLOTHE THE NAKED

- Host a clothing drive in your school and donate the items.
- Start a group to knit, crochet, or sew baby blankets and donate them to Alternatives Pregnancy Crisis Center or the Inasmuch House.
- Start a group to knit, crochet, or sew scarves, hats and gloves for the Haven of Rest.

SHELTER THE HOMELESS

- Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity or another group that repairs houses (such as CHWC)
- Become a mentor or tutor to a foster child.
- Organize a group to put together care packages for an orphanage.
- Help a family working towards adoption by hosting a fundraiser for them.
- Sponsor a child overseas, writing them letters and sending gifts.

VISIT THE SICK

- Volunteer at a Borgess, Bronson or the VA Hospital.
- Volunteer to help at a nursing home, such as calling Bingo, reading or visiting with residents.
- Organize a birthday card group for members of St. Joseph, St. Philip and/or St. Jerome who are shut-ins.
- Shovel walks and driveways (for free!) for shut-ins or elderly.
- Visit and spend time with a seriously or terminally ill member of your parish.

VISIT THE IMPRISONED

- Organize a fundraiser to donate bibles and/or spiritual reading materials to a prison.
- Under adult supervision, be a pen pal with a prisoner or a teen at a juvenile correction center.

BURY THE DEAD

- Volunteer with a hospice program.
- Help a widow or widower in need with yard work or errands.
- Organize a novena to pray for the dead.
- Donate to ministries that offer free Catholic burials to those who are unable to afford one.
- Pray in the 40 Days for Life at the abortion clinic in Kalamazoo for the lives lost to abortion.