

Answers to Requirements

1) (www.catholic.org)

- a. Christ is in each of us
- b. “man is justified by works and not by faith alone”
- c. “faith apart from works is dead”
- d. food, clothes + burial
- e. food + drink

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Will there be more Faith Series Patches?

Yes. There will be additional Faith Series patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The Order Form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Who do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Faith Series



The Corporal Works of Mercy

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

Corporal Works of Mercy Activity Patch



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Faith Series – Corporal Works of Mercy Activity Patch

The word “corporal” is from Latin and translates “having to do with the body.” The corporal works of mercy are physical acts of kindness that one person does for another person, who is in need. You may find slight differences in various Bibles in describing the corporal works of mercy. The seven standard corporal works of mercy are listed on the front panel. Jesus speaks about the first six works of mercy in Matthew 25:31-46. The seventh work of mercy is found in the Book of Tobit 1:16-2:8. Start now by reading these passages and footnotes, to answer the following questions.

Requirements for Corporal Works of Mercy Activity Patch

All – Read about the Corporal Works of Mercy. You may find the answers to these questions on <http://www.Catholic.org>. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete requirements #1 thru 5. **6th thru 12th Grades** – Complete all requirements. **Adults** – Mentor one or more youth to earn the Corporal Works of Mercy Patch.

Requirements:

- 1) After reading Matthew 25:31-46 and Tobit 1:16 – 2:8 answer the following questions:
 - a) In what way is it true that, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do to Me.”?
 - b) What does Jesus say is the reward for those who do a corporal work of mercy?
 - c) What does Jesus say is the punishment for those who do not?
 - d) In Tobit 1:17 it describes Tobit performing three of the corporal works of mercy. Which ones are they?
 - e) #2447 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: “The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.” In this list, which two of the works of mercy are merged into one?
- 2) Sing “Whatsoever You Do” from your parish hymnal (Text: Matthew 5:3-12: Willard F Jabusch) with your parents or counselor. How is it the same or different from the scripture readings in question # 1?
- 3) With help, make and save a list of at least ten individuals or groups in your parish, diocese, or other parts of the world, that practice the corporal works of mercy.
- 4) Participate in the *Scouting for Food* or other food drive in your community. Donate the food to St. Vincent de Paul Society, parish or diocesan food bank, or community program that serves the needy.
- 5) In collaboration with your parents or counselor, volunteer at least one hour of service to one of the groups identified in your list in #3.
- 6) Create a brief report on one of the following groups. Identify the founder and when and why it was founded. Research how they are funded, the impact of the group, and the number of people they serve. Which of the corporal works of mercy does this group perform?
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Missionaries of Charity
 - St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 7) With help, make a list of local soup kitchens, homeless shelters, etc. Share this list with your parents or counselor or the rest of your group. Explain how you choose to imitate the actions of the people in these groups.
- 8) With help, carry out one of the following:
 - a) Devise an activity to raise money and donate the proceeds to a local group that practices the corporal works of mercy.
 - b) If you work or earn an allowance, save at least ten percent over the next two months and donate it to a local charity.
- 9) Discuss with your parents or counselor, and contact the Volunteer Coordinator at one of the following: local hospital, nursing home, hospice, food pantry, soup kitchen, homeless shelter, pro-life group or clothing bank, and explore ways you can assist in carrying out their mission. Volunteer for at least two hours.