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 Activity Patches?
Yes. There may be additional Faith 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 – Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs" (USCCB).

Requirements for Spiritual Works of Mercy Activity Patch

All – Read about the Spiritual Works of Mercy. You may find the answers to these questions on 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. Match the Spiritual Works of Mercy with their corresponding scripture:
   A. To admonish the sinner
   B. To instruct the ignorant
   C. To counsel the doubtful
   D. To comfort the sorrowful
   E. To bear wrongs patiently
   F. To forgive all injuries
   G. To pray for the living and the dead
   1. ___”...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you.” Lk. 6:27-28
   2. ___”Father, I desire that they, too, may be with me where I am...” Jn. 17:24
   3. ___”Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation.” Mk. 16:1
   4. ___”Come to me, all you grown weary and burdened, and I will refresh you.” Mt. 11:28
   5. ___”Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you...Let not your hearts be troubled...” Jn. 14:27
   6. ___”...there will be more joy in Heaven at the repentance of one sinner than at ninety-nine of the righteous who had no need of repentance.” Lk. 15:7
   7. ___”And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” Mt. 6:12

2) Discuss with your parents which of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is the easiest and which is the most difficult. After your discussion list your answer and why?

   1. Easiest and why:
   2. Most difficult and why:

3) With help, make and save a list of at least five individuals, Religious Orders or groups in your parish, diocese, or other parts of the world, that practice the Spiritual works of mercy.

4) Interview one of the people you listed about their ministry and how they practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

5) In collaboration with your parents or counselor, do a Holy Hour praying for those in need, especially widows, those doubting the faith, the lonely, the hurt, the sick, or the deceased.

6) With help, present and explain the Spiritual Works of Mercy to your troop. Discuss how your troop could do a Spiritual Work of Mercy.

7) With help, carry out one of the following:
   a) Visit residents in a Nursing Home and pray with them.
   b) With your family, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at least once a week for a month.

8) For one week, perform Spiritual Works of Mercy and note the circumstances in which you did it.