

# The Corporal Works of Mercy

## Clothe the Naked

### Food for Thought

"I was ... naked, and you clothed Me."

– *The Gospel of Matthew 25:35-36*

### Daily Life

- Go through your closets and other areas of your home, thinking about how you may have items you no longer use that others in our community could use. Consider donating them (or your time) to The St. Vincent de Paul Society, 707-584-1579 or online at <https://www.svdp-sonoma.org>
- Make your own items to offer others in need (scarves, hats, blankets)
- Have a garage sale and donate the money made to organizations such as St. Vincent De Paul
- Give your time, love and presence to others in your lives who may be feeling alone and unseen.

### For Further Consideration

YouTube video of Kerry Weber discussing this Corporal Work of Mercy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ni6s7XYvNBs>

3<sup>rd</sup> Corporal Work of Mercy: Clothe the Naked by Philip Kosloski, found at <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/3rd-corporal-work-of-mercy-clothe-the-naked>

*The Works of Mercy* by Pope Francis, published by Orbis Books (2017)

### Questions to Contemplate

Read *Mercy in the City* by Kerry Weber

In what ways may we need to be clothed in Christ?

Who in our community are “naked” of human relationships? How can we open our eyes and hearts to people in our communities who feel rejected, alone, and forgotten?

- (Chapter 10): Kerry’s experience in the Clothing Room at Maryhouse made her reassess her priorities around her own clothing. Can you describe a time when your priorities were changed by an encounter you experienced?
- (Chapter 11): After her interaction with Leroy, Kerry Realized that she had failed to see him as a real person. Have you ever had an experience that changed your perspective on the people around you?
- (Chapter 12): In this chapter Kerry describes a simple, single act of mercy when a stranger handed her a sturdier bag and bottle of water for her sick friend. Do you think small actions like this matter? If so, why don’t more people do things like this?