

MERCY WELLSPRINGS

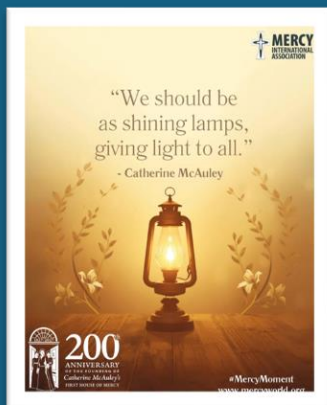
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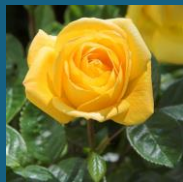
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Self - Reflection:

- Who is your neighbour?
- Think about your current ministry role. How do you show mercy?
- How do you “advocate for mercy, justice, compassion and inclusiveness” where you are?



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A word from Catherine...

‘We can never say
“it is enough.” ‘

Who is my neighbour? A parable of mercy

The parable of the Good Samaritan recounts how Jesus responded to the question “Who is my neighbour?” posed to Jesus by one of the scribes in the Gospel of Luke 10:25-37. In response, Jesus told this story...

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”



Pope Francis reminded us that “the works of mercy are not theoretical ideas, but concrete testimonies. They oblige us to roll up our sleeves to alleviate suffering.”

Annette Schneider rsm writes that: “the works of mercy are the building blocks on which a compassionate and merciful world continues to be shaped by followers of Jesus who have ‘rolled up their sleeves’, alongside people of all faith traditions and all people of good will, to advocate for mercy, justice, compassion and inclusiveness.” (Schneider, A. (2019) *A Lens on the Works of Mercy: Clare Agnew and her Legacy*, p. 62)