



Jubilee Year of Mercy

Spiritual Works of Mercy - Considerations

In the Holy Year of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

[Beginning with the *Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception* – 8th Dec 2015;

Ending with *Feast Day of Christ the King* – 20th Nov. 2016]

Some thoughts and prompts to reflect/pray/act on regarding the

Spiritual Works of Mercy:

1. Counsel the Doubtful:

- **Tools** eg: faith, hope and gratitude
- **Method:** Catholic teachers (and others of good will) in schools, universities, health and social services settings etc

2. Instruct the Ignorant:

- **Tools** eg: Catholic Social Teaching (CST)
- **Dates: World Teachers' Day (UNESCO):** Tues. 4th Oct.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Example: **Laudato Si' – Care for Our Common Home.**

NOTE: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: Tues. 1st Sept.

Season of Creation: 1st Sept. to Tues. 4th Oct (Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi)

3. Admonish Sinners:

- **Focus:** Reconciliation; Truth, Justice & Healing; Pray for forgiveness of our sins and poor judgement

4. Comfort the afflicted:

- **World Health Day:** Thurs. 7th April
- **International Mother Earth Day:** Fri. 22nd April
- **World Environment Day:** Sun. 5th June
- **Homeless Persons Week:** from Mon. 1st Aug



- **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation:** Thurs. 1st Sept.
 - **Social Justice Sunday (Ageing and its social implications):** 25th Sept.
 - **World Mental Health Day (WHO):** Mon. 10th Oct.
 - **International Day of the Girl Child:** Tues 11th Oct
 - **International Day of Older Persons:** 1st Sat. Oct
 - **Anti-Poverty Week:** Sun. 16th – Sat. 22nd Oct
 - **World Missions Sunday:** 23rd Oct.
- 5. Forgive Offences:**
- **World Day of Prayer for Peace (*Overcome indifference & win peace*):** Fri 1st Jan.
 - **National Harmony Day:** Mon. 21st March
 - **International Day of Peace:** Wed. 21st Sept.
 - **Feast of Our Lady of Mercy: Sat. 24th Sept.**
 - **International Day of Non-violence:** Sun. 2nd Oct.
 - **International Day for Tolerance:** Wed. 16th Nov.
- 6. Bear wrongs patiently:**
- **World Day of Prayer, Reflection & Action Against Human Trafficking (St Josephine Bakhita):** Mon. 8th Feb
 - **National Apology Day:** Sat. 13th Feb. Theme: *Heal our past; build our future; celebrating our heroes*
 - **International Death Penalty Abolition Day:** Tues. 1st March
 - **National Close the Gap Day:** Thurs. 17th March
 - **International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination:** Mon. 21st March
 - **International Day of Commemoration in Memory of Victims of the Holocaust:** Wed. 27th Jan.
 - **International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda:** Thurs. 7th April
 - **National Sorry Day:** Thurs. 26th May
 - **National Reconciliation Week:** begins Fri 27th May
 - **World Day Against Child Labour:** Sun. 12th June
 - **NAIDOC Week:** Begins Sun. 3rd – 10th July: Theme – *Songlines – The living narrative of our nation*
 - **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons:** Sat. 30th July
 - **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples:** 9th August
 - **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (UNESCO):** Tues 23rd Aug.
- 7. Pray for the living and the dead:**
- **All Saints Day:** Tuesday 1st Nov.
 - **All Souls Day:** Wed. 2nd Nov.