



## Men's Evening of Reflection

November 4, 2020



### Questionnaire

1. When I contemplate the difficulties, sufferings, and weaknesses of our church and society what is my reaction?

- One of pessimism, depression, and defeatism?

- Indifference?

- Fortress mentality (separate my family from the world and protect them)?

- Ask myself: How can I best allow Jesus to work effectively through me to strengthen the Church and influence our society with the power of the Gospel?

2. Who are the "Samaritans" that I encounter regularly (those both in spiritual and physical need)?

3. What excuses do I use to avoid running into them?

4. Which of the spiritual or corporal works of mercy would be most appropriate to use with my "Samaritans" in need?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2447 reads:

*The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. 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. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.*