

Getting Ready for Chapter 19

Take Home



The Church Helps the World

Our Church teaches that all the people in the world are our brothers and sisters. In this chapter the children will learn that our mission as Christians is to love and serve others. They will discover how Catholics have answered God's call to help people all over the world. The children will become aware of ways they can help people in need, and of the importance of praying for our Church's "helpers."

ACTIVITY

Cards Full of Cheer Help your child make cheerful cards for children in a hospital or elderly people in a nursing home. Deliver the cards yourselves, or give the cards to someone in your parish who will deliver them.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Check your parish's bulletin or Web site to find out how your parish is reaching out to help poor people around the world.

On the Web

www.blestarewe.com



Visit our Web site for the saint of the day and the reflection question of the week.

Saint of the Week



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (1910–1997)

Born in Yugoslavia, Mother Teresa entered the Sisters of Loreto and became a high school teacher in Calcutta, India. In 1948 she felt God calling her to serve the poorest of the poor, and founded the Missionaries of Charity. Today its members serve the poor, sick, and dying around the world.

Feast Day: September 5



A Prayer for the Week

Lord, we want to help people in need. Help us to be your hands and feet in the world today. Give us courage to answer your call to serve others. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of the Early Church

The Role of Deacons As the early Church grew in numbers, the Apostles found they were no longer able to see to all the needs of the faithful. Therefore, they asked the disciples to choose several reputable men from the community to assist them. The Apostles ordained those chosen as deacons. The deacons performed services connected to the ritual of the Lord's Supper, such as serving and cleaning up. They also cared for the needs of widows and orphans.

You can read more about deacons in 1 Timothy 3:8–13.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Holy People

A Witness to the Poor

Dorothy Day was a convert to Catholicism who had a strong sense of the social call of the Gospel. She reached out to the poor and powerless and gave of herself with great dignity. She started Catholic Worker houses across the country, and encouraged people to follow Christ.

One group of people Dorothy ministered to was women prisoners. While she was visiting a West Virginia prison, an elderly inmate wanted to know why Dorothy was there. She replied that she had come to wash their feet. Dorothy Day died in 1980. She was a powerful witness to the Church's mission of serving the poor.