

Call of Isaiah & Call of the first Apostles

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time -- Year C (Gospel of Luke)

A Song: ***Here I Am, Lord***
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*Here I am, Lord.
It is I, Lord.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
where you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

MY Calling!!!

For how long is my calling?

A lifetime vocation
A call for a certain season -- like for Lent
A call for TODAY!

How am I to minister?

Solo -- do it by myself
In a group or community
Addressing the immediate problem?
Addressing the core problem?

Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day.

Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.

Thank you, Lord, for our many parish members in the Consecrated Life!

"Consecrated Life" -- the many vowed religious
who consecrated their lives to God
as sisters, brothers, nuns or religious order priests

Thank you, those in Consecrated Life, for your years of ministry!

A Calling to Mercy

Some things I can do all by myself:

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY (Matt. 25)

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Admonish sinners
Be patient with wrongdoers
Forgive offenses
Comfort the afflicted
Pray for the living and the dead



Examples of groups/organizations that show mercy:

Knights of St. Peter Claver/Knights of Columbus
Social Justice Committee/Christian Service Commission/SVDP
Churches, Schools
Boy Scouts/Girls Scouts/Cub Scouts/Brownies
Rehab centers/Hospitals/Nursing Homes
Fire fighters/police/EMS
Military, Park Rangers, Life Guards
Priests/deacons/sisters/brothers/bishops/popes
Ministers/imams/rabbis
Good politicians
Fundraising for cancer
Soup kitchens
Orphanages/warming centers/shelters

Examples of "mercy is love in motion" addressing the root causes of people's problems:

Teachers -- help individuals become good citizens, workers, able to lead adult lives
Counselors -- help people solve their problems so they can cope with life
Job trainers -- help people get a job/a better job and rise out of poverty
Some NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations)
Medical doctors, nurses, etc. -- help people avoid illnesses and poor health

And so, how about ME???

Called for a lifetime, ... for a season (Lent?), ... TODAY?

Called to do it solo or in a group; solve an immediate problem or address the root cause?

