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The Christopher Society was established in the Diocese of Norwich to recognize those who make valuable and necessary leadership contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Like Saint Christopher, who carried the Christ child safely on his back, guarding him against a raging river, members of the Christopher Society help lead those in need to safer harbors.

It is with much gratitude that we thank our Christophers for being devoted and faithful patrons of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Each year, members of the Christopher Society are invited to a leadership dinner with Bishop Cote.

Please consider joining The Christopher Society by making an Annual Catholic Appeal contribution of \$1,000 or more.

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# MERCY The Beating Heart of the Gospel

## Corporal Works of Mercy

### Feed the Hungry/Give Drink to the Thirsty

*"They will not hunger or thirst anymore,..." (Revelation 7:16)*

Food pantries, soup kitchens, financial help to purchase groceries, formula for infants, and reaching out to those in need in Haiti.

### Clothe the Naked

*"...Clothing the naked when you see them,..." (Isaiah 58:7)*

Clothing drives, layette programs, career clothing assistance, and programs that provide dignity and self-respect.

### Welcome the Stranger

*"...a stranger and you welcomed me,..." (Matthew 25:35)*

Adoption services, spiritual renewal, supportive housing programs, welcoming communities of different cultures, and events to bring people together.

### Visit the Sick

*"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)*

Masses of Healing and Hope, offering of communion, and meeting the spiritual needs of the sick at local hospitals and nursing facilities.

### Visit the Imprisoned

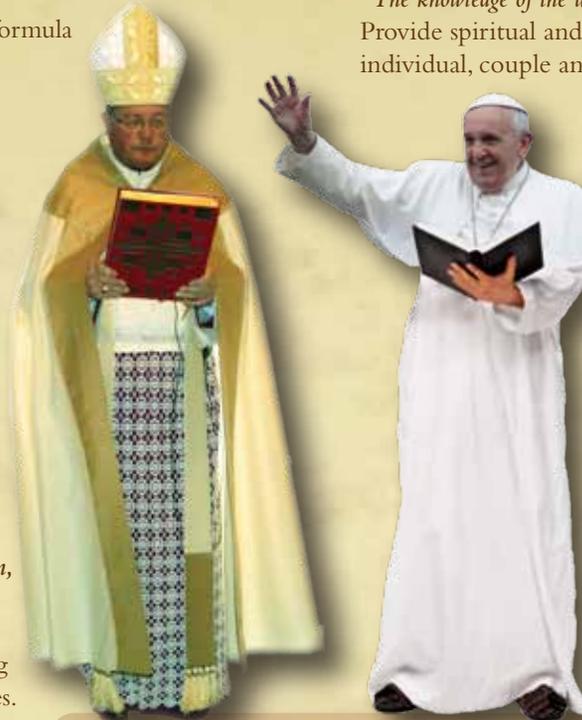
*"Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as of yourselves, for you also are in the body." (Hebrews 13:3)*

Bible study, clergy and volunteer visits, disburses funds for program materials for educational and evangelization programs, provides referrals, resources, and fellowship in the community to free those imprisoned by life's challenges, encourages healing through reconciliation.

### Bury the Dead

*"My son, shed tears for one who is dead with wailing and bitter lament; as is only proper, prepare the body, and do not absent yourself from the burial." (Sirach 38:16)*

Our priests and deacons preside over funerals and offer counseling to families in times of grief.



Bishop Michael R. Cote carrying The Book of the Gospels as he enters through the Holy Door of Mercy.

## Spiritual Works of Mercy

### Counsel the Doubtful

*"The knowledge of the wise wells up like a flood, and their counsel like a living spring." (Sirach 21:13)*

Provide spiritual and moral guidance to individuals; pregnancy counseling services; individual, couple and family group therapy; and behavioral health services.

### Instruct the Ignorant

*Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?..." (Acts 8:30-31)*

Parenting and religious education; consultation and education for clergy and laity in all aspects of sacramental worship; care and advocacy outreach programs, spiritual retreats, scripture courses, and days of renewal.

### Admonish the Sinner

*"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)*

Regular opportunities for reception of the sacraments and provide spiritual and moral guidance.

### Comfort the Afflicted

*"Sing out, heavens, and rejoice, earth, break forth into song, you mountains, for the LORD comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted." (Isaiah 49:13)*

Adolescent substance abuse treatment, coping with family loss, and navigating the challenges of a troubled marriage.

### Forgive Offenses Willingly/Bear Wrongs Patiently

*"Better is the end of a thing than its beginning; better is a patient spirit than a lofty one." (Ecclesiastes 7:8)*

Provides help with family and personal challenges during troubled times, offers ways to gain new insights that can help lead to communication, listening and forgiveness.

### Pray for the Living and the Dead

*"...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven." (Matthew 6:10)*

Retreats, Masses of Healing and Hope, and bereavement ministry.

**THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY ENCOMPASS THE WHOLE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE. OUR MINISTRIES THROUGH THEIR MISSIONS, EXERCISE THESE WORKS OF MERCY AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.**