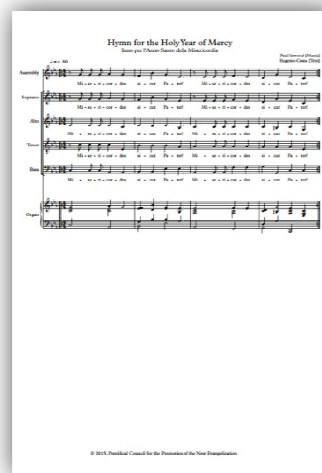
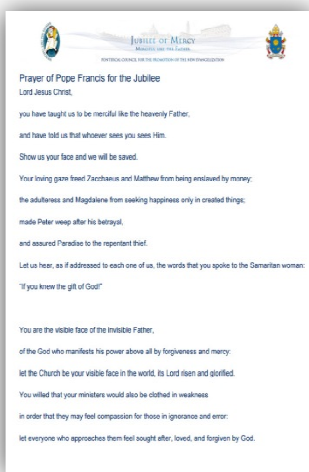


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The following are five overarching themes of mercy found in the Jubilee of Mercy prayer, icon and hymn:

- Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Experiencing the Love and Mercy of the Father through Jesus
- God Prevails Over Sin and Death
- The Church Carries on Jesus' Healing Mission

Below are some examples of where the themes may be found:

- "Let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified." *The Church Carries on Jesus' Healing Mission* is a theme evident in this line from the prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy.
- "As we receive from Him, let us also give to Him... hearts open to those who hunger and thirst." *The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy* is a theme found in this verse of the hymn for the Jubilee of Mercy.
- "The Son, having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption..." The theme of *Experiencing the Love and Mercy of the Father through Jesus* is evident in this description of the icon for the Jubilee of Mercy.

The Jubilee of Mercy prayer, hymn and icon (with description) are available, in full, at:

<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/>

Please see the next page for tips and examples on how to incorporate the Jubilee of Mercy prayer, icon and hymn into a religious education lesson plan.

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When you use the Jubilee of Mercy prayer, icon, and hymn in catechetical lessons, these special resources can easily connect to objectives in the Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guidelines.

By using the Jubilee of Mercy prayer, icon and hymn and pointing out the overarching themes of mercy, you will cover objectives found in the Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guidelines, while entering more deeply into the Jubilee of Mercy.

The following are some examples to get you started on lesson planning for the Jubilee of Mercy using the prayer, icon and hymn resources.

Grades Pre 3 – 1

Example theme: Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Example of related objectives:

- Jesus tells us to love and respect ourselves and others
- We show love by how we act
- We care for the poor and suffering

Grades 2 – 4

Example theme: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Example of related objectives:

- In the sacrament of penance/reconciliation we say we are sorry for our sins and celebrate God's forgiveness.
- Penance / reconciliation and anointing of the sick are sacraments of healing
- Jesus came to bring God's forgiveness to everyone and teach us how to live

Grades 5 – 6

Example theme: Experiencing the Love and Mercy of the Father through Jesus

Example of related objectives:

- Jesus is a visible sign of God's love
- God chose to send Jesus to us for our salvation

Grades 7 – 8

Example theme: God Prevails Over Sin and Death

Example of related objective:

- The Life, death and resurrection of Jesus is called the Paschal Mystery

Grades 9 – 12

Example theme: The Church Carries on Jesus' Healing Mission

Example of related objective:

- Christian vocations call us to serve the mission of the Gospel

Note: These are examples. Please use the prayer, icon and hymn, making your own connections between the content of these special resources and the Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum objectives, as these form the basic content of all your lessons. May God bless you during this Jubilee of Mercy!

Look for more information on the Jubilee of Mercy at www.archindy.org/holyyearofmercy.