THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:
Bury The Dead

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model on how we should treat others, as if we were Christ in disguise. They are "charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs".

One of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy is to Bury the Dead. When someone we know and loves dies, we as Catholic Christians have funerals and burials to give us an opportunity to grieve and show support to others during a sad and difficult time. We can use this Easter season to remember the promise of Jesus that, through his own death and resurrection, we will have eternal life with Him in heaven!

Some things that happen when someone dies include a funeral in church and a burial in a cemetery or mausoleum. Can you match the things listed in the left column to the definitions in the right column? All of these things help fulfill the Corporal Work of Mercy to Bury the Dead.

1	Burial	a	The burning of a dead person's body
2	Funeral	b	A vehicle used to move the casket from the funeral home, to the church or to the cemetery
3	Cremation	c	A long narrow box in which someone is buried
4	Cemetery	d	Ceremony marking a persons death, usually in Church
5	Grave	e	Container used for storing the remains (ashes) of a cremated person
6	Casket	f	Placing a dead person in the ground, usually in a coffin
7	Hearse	g	A burial ground or graveyard
8	Urn	h	A place of burial for someone who has died, usually marked with a stone

Remember that when a loved one dies, it is OK to feel sad or angry and want to cry. It is also OK to ask questions to help understand what has happened and talk about the amazing gift of life in heaven.

Take some time to learn about the other Corporal Works of Mercy at usccb.org. What can you do to:

Feed the Hungry _____

Give Drink to the Thirsty_____

Shelter the Homeless _____

Visit the Sick _____

Visit the Prisoners_____

Give Alms to the Poor_____

IT'S COOL TO BE kind

The Compass in the Classroom

DO ALL THINGS WITH love

KEY: 1-f, 2-d, 3-a, 4-g, 5-h, 6-c, 7-b, 8-e