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“Lord, let me receive your mercy, let me show your mercy to others”

This year is rich in blessings, first of all given by God and then passed on from us to our brother & sisters. They are not meant to be hoarded by us but to be shared with the whole world. I hope that you are CELEBRATING the Year of Mercy! What a wonderful feeling it is to be forgiven our sins, and to have a special year dedicated just to remind us of God's awesome mercy. He loves us that much.

Have you done anything to celebrate yet? Have you travelled through the “Open Door of Mercy” in our Diocese. We have two. One at St. Peter's Basilica in London, and one at the Shrine of Our Lady in Merlin. You could make a pilgrimage on our CWL shrine day in Merlin, July 20th. This would be an excellent opportunity, but don't forget the rest of your family. Our diocese' blessed, Archbishop Oscar Romero, was an excellent example of one who lived his life following the corporal and spiritual works of mercies. Have you continued to pray for his canonization?

I hope that if your parish is blessed with a refugee family that you make them feel very welcome. There are so many ways that you can “welcome the stranger”

My term will soon be up and I hope that I have instilled the love of music for praising God. You don't have to have a good voice to sing quietly to yourself, but it certainly does lift your soul, when you sing out with joy to God.

***Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find,
knock and the door will be opened to you. Matt. 7:7***

This is a promise of God to each of us. The gift of God's presence and the power of His help are always there for you and for me. We have only to ask, and then reflect on all the times God has touched our lives with His compassion, love and mercy. In the midst of all our life problems, the door has always been opened to us. Have we dared to go through?

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