

# Good Samaritan Humanitarian Project

Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

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## The Parable of the Good Samaritan

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:25-37)

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"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself..." (Luke 10:27)

### Who is my neighbor?

It was in answer to this question that Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan. With that question still on our minds, SOYO introduces a brand new program: The Good Samaritan Project. Through this new program SOYO chapters are given the opportunity to minister to their neighbor; whether it is a member of their local Church community, someone in a nursing home, a person who is homeless or just about anyone that they meet. It is through these projects that we learn about the love of God through serving our neighbor. The Good Samaritan Project is a great way to learn to live up to the great command and to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As SOYO members in our parishes, we are called to be leaders to our peers and as such we need to take an active role in our communities. We have decided as officers of SOYO that this would be a wonderful opportunity to show our love for God in our communities and grow closer to Him. The Good Samaritan Project enables us to fulfill the Gospel commandments and share the love of Christ on a broader scale, while also influencing and inspiring others.

We need to promote the principles of SOYO and the teachings of the Orthodox faith. Worship, Witness, Service, and Fellowship bring each of us closer together, to the Church, and to God. Many SOYO chapters are active within their own parish, but it is also important to share our service with a broader community. The Good Samaritan Project will also give non-active chapters a jump start in community service and will encourage humanitarian work. As teens we are searching to find purpose in life and our own identity. These service projects will help us realize what we stand to gain from helping our fellow man.

It is important that we thank God for all of the many blessings, gifts, and talents that He has given us and use them to spread His love to others. If every church did their part we could not only help individual cities but our Diocese and ultimately Archdiocese as a whole. We can show our thanks to Him by serving those that are less fortunate than us, truly realizing the small things in life that we should be extremely thankful for and may take for granted. It is important to remember that you as an individual often get just as much out of the project as the person you are serving. We must have love, an optimistic attitude, and patience while helping those in need.

*In Christ,*

NAC SOYO Good Samaritan Committee

## How the project works

Each participating church will be sent two blank sheets of white scrapbook paper. Please cover one side of both of these pages. Please include your church's name, location, and project information. In your project summary please include how many people participated and what you gained spiritually from this experience. Feel free to decorate your pages with vivid colors, stickers, word art, and any other creative materials you can think of. Please use lots of pictures to help show others what you have done! Be as creative as you can! Remember, this will be used to decide the most humanitarian award.

Once both your pages are decorated and complete please send them to:

Miami Dice Good Samaritan Project  
1244 Poinset Place  
Decatur, GA 30033

**All scrapbook pages must be sent in by June 1, 2010.** All the pages will be pieced together into one scrapbook for the Diocese which will be presented at the 2010 Parish Life Conference in Jacksonville, FL.

# Suggested Projects

## **Archangel Gabriel Mission** *Lafayette, Louisiana*

1. **St. Michael's Soup Kitchen**  
117 W 7th St  
Crowley, LA 70526-4303  
(337) 783-7374

## **St. Elias** *Atlanta, Georgia*

1. **Hands On Atlanta**  
600 Means Street, Suite 100  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
<http://www.handsonatlanta.org>  
404.979.2800
2. **Atlanta Com. Food Bank**  
732 Joseph E. Lowery Blvd. N.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
Bill Bolling: [rob.johnson@acfb.org](mailto:rob.johnson@acfb.org)  
678.553.5998  
[www.acfb.org](http://www.acfb.org)
3. **Atlanta Humane Society**  
981 Howell Mill Road NW,  
404.974.2822  
[www.atlantahumane.org](http://www.atlantahumane.org)  
Atlanta, Georgia 30318 USA

## **St. Stevens** *Hiram, Georgia*

1. **Helping Hands**  
240 Professional Ct.  
Dallas, GA 30132-4900  
770-443-1230
2. **Carroll County Soup Kitchen**  
345 Beulah Church Rd.  
Carrollton, GA 30117-8710  
770-214-5055

## **St. John** *Memphis, Tennessee*

1. **Volunteer Mid-South**  
3181 Poplar Avenue, Suite 325  
Memphis, TN 38111  
901.523.2425
2. **Mid-South Food Bank**  
239 S. Dudley Street  
Memphis, TN 38104-3203  
[www.midsouthfoodbank.org](http://www.midsouthfoodbank.org)  
901.527.0841
3. **Ronald McDonald House**  
Contact  
535 Alabama Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38105 USA  
901.529.4055

## **St. George Cathedral** *Coral Gables, Florida*

1. **Daily Bread Food Bank**  
5850 NW 32nd Avenue  
Miami, FL 33142  
[www.dailybread.org](http://www.dailybread.org)  
305.633.9861
2. **Hands on Miami**  
United Way Ansin Building  
Miami, FL 33129  
[info@handsonmiami.org](mailto:info@handsonmiami.org)  
305.646.7200
3. **Miami Rescue Mission**  
2159 NW 1st Court  
Miami, FL 33127  
<http://miamirescuemission.com>  
305.571.2273

**St. George Church** *Jacksonville, Florida*

1. **HandsOn Jacksonville**  
6817 Southpoint Pkwy. Suite 1902  
Jacksonville, Fl. 32216  
<http://www.handsonjacksonville.org>  
904.332.6767
2. **The Second Harvest Food Bank of North Florida**  
Contact  
1502 Jessie Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32206  
[www.wenourishhope.org](http://www.wenourishhope.org)  
904.353.3663
3. **Ronald McDonald House**  
Contact  
824 Children's Way  
Jacksonville, FL 32207  
904 807-4663

2524 N. State Street  
Jackson, MS 39216 USA  
(601) 981-5683

2. **Mississippi Food Network**  
[www.msfoodnet.org](http://www.msfoodnet.org)  
601.973.7080

**St. George** *Vicksburg, Mississippi*

1. **United Way of West Central Mississippi**  
920 South Street  
Vicksburg, MS 39180  
[rgreen@vicksburg.com](mailto:rgreen@vicksburg.com)  
(601) 636-1733
2. **Vicksburg Area Red Cross**  
908 Cherry Street  
Vicksburg, MS 39183  
601.636.9182

**St. George Church** *Orlando, Florida*

1. **Give Kids The World Village**  
<http://www.gktw.org>  
800.995.KID
2. **Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida**  
Contact  
2008 Brengle Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32808  
[www.foodbankcentralflorida.org](http://www.foodbankcentralflorida.org)  
407.295.1066

**St. Ignatius** *Franklin, Tennessee*

1. **Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee**  
331 Great Circle Road  
Nashville , TN 37228  
615.329.3491
2. **Healing Hands International**  
Contact  
455 McNally Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee 3721  
[www.hhi.org](http://www.hhi.org)  
(615) 832-2000
3. **Hands On Nashville**  
209 10th Avenue South Cummins Station  
Suite 318  
Nashville, TN 37203  
615.298.1108
4. **Ronald McDonald House**  
2144 Fairfax Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37212  
615.343.400

**St. Mary Church** *West Palm Beach, Florida*

1. **Hands On Palm Beach County**  
2600 Quantum Blvd  
Boynton Beach, FL 33426-8627  
Donna Paula  
(561) 375-6621

**St. Peter** *Madison, Mississippi*

1. **Ronald McDonald House in Jackson**