

# Lenten Reflection

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We all know the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. These words and ideas are what our Lord said to Moses in this reading. Now look back at Mother de la Roche and the meaning of her life. She sacrificed her health to minister to the sick. She contracted typhoid from the epidemic at the orphanage and she died. Mother Marie did what our Lord told Moses; She fed the hungry, cared for the sick, clothed the naked, and sheltered the homeless.

The Lord also said to Moses: “You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart, take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your fellow countrymen. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. “I am the LORD.”

With those words imagine, now, Bishop Wilhelm Emmanuel von Ketteler. In his work helping with equality and social justice of his era, he was following the words of the Lord.

Jesus to his disciples (Matthew 25:31-46)  
“AMEN, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, YOU did for ME.”

**CHARISM OF PROVIDENCE CALL US TO RISK EVERYTHING AND TO TRUST IN THE GOD OF PROVIDENCE.**

