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Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.

(MV 10)

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*But someone will say, "One person has faith, another has actions." My answer is, "Show me how anyone can have faith without actions. I will show you my faith by my actions."*

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The Church's fidelity to Jesus is demonstrated by the extent to which it shows mercy and compassion in its members and in its institutions. In the past, there may have been a tendency to concentrate on the demands of justice. We must go beyond this and bring mercy to this sinful and imperfect world.

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