

# *Cards of Mercy: St. Valentines*



Cards of Mercy are a way to reach out to those in prison with messages of kindness and love. Students are asked to prepare cards for holidays throughout the year, which will be delivered to incarcerated individuals. This project is part of the Restorative Justice Ministry.

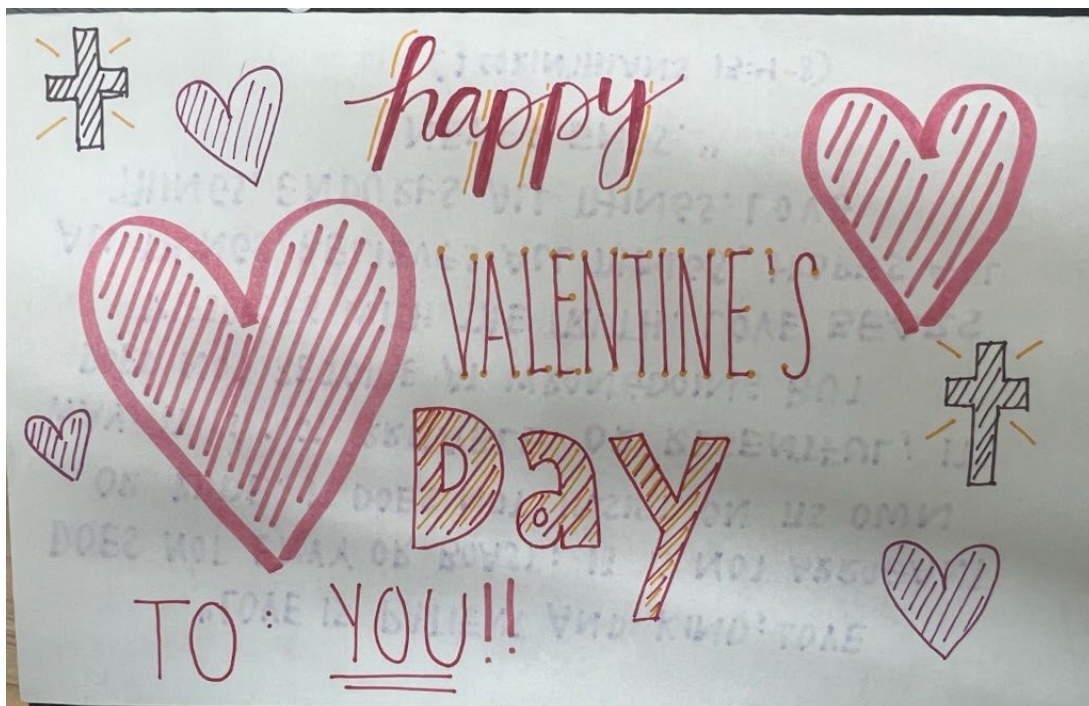
Cards should be sent to the Chancery (1 Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109). These can be mailed or delivered in person. Any questions, contact Julio Escobar by email at [escobarj@sfarch.org](mailto:escobarj@sfarch.org) or by phone at (415) 614-5572.

## Front Page

## Back Page

For the front page of the card, you will draw a colorful design to represent the holiday.

The back page should be left blank.



# Inside Top

# Inside Bottom



Choose a scripture verse.

On the bottom of the inside page, each student should write a personalized message to the incarcerated person.

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."
- John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
- Colossians 3:14: "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."
  
- 1 Corinthians 16:14: "Do everything in love."
- John 13:34-35: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
- Galatians 5:13-14: "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
- John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- 1 John 4:19: "We love because he first loved us."

The greeting should say something like, "Dear Friend" or "Dear Brother or Sister". This message can be religious or secular but should be optimistic and cheerful. It can express holiday-related messages, as well as general encouragement.

The goal is to spread love and the joy of God for us.

The card can be signed with a student's first name and grade, with a closing such as "Love, Kayla, a 9th Grade Student". The last name should not be included.

