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Mercy or Justice: Which is It?

Read the following descriptions of various actions. Although not all of the actions can easily be categorized, identify each of them – as best as you can – as a work of mercy (M) or of justice (J) by marking on the line to the right.

Explain your choices below the description. If you decide that an actions fulfills both functions, give the reason for your decision.

_____ 1. A group of students visits a nursing home for an hour a week to fulfill the service hours requirement for graduation.

_____ 2. A student writes a letter to her local newspaper protesting the building of a nuclear power plant on a nearby river.

_____ 3. A student tutors a student from another country in the English language.

_____ 4. A group of parents monitors TV programs for children and commends or criticizes TV networks for their portrayal of violence.

_____ 5. A high school student government holds a canned-food drive for poor families before Thanksgiving Day.

_____ 6. A parish group holds a protest demonstration in front of a local movie theater that shows pornographic movies.

_____ 7. An environmental organization lobbies members of Congress to pass legislation protecting the environment.

_____ 8. A restaurant donates its surplus food to a local soup kitchen.

_____ 9. The American Cancer Society raises funds to support the research of the causes of cancer.

_____ 10. A priest in a suburban parish converts the parish's former convent into a drug rehabilitation center for drug-dependent teenagers.

_____ 11. A high school pro-life club participated in the March for Life, a march on the anniversary of the US Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion.