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A quote from Pope Francis:

"Mercy makes us pass from the recognition that we have received mercy to a desire to show mercy to others. We can feel within us a healthy tension between sorrow for our sins and the dignity that the Lord has bestowed on us. Without further ado, we can pass from estrangement to embrace, as in the parable of the prodigal son, and see how God uses our own sinfulness as the vessel of His mercy. Mercy impels us to pass from personal to the communal. We see this in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, a miracle born of Jesus's compassion for His people and for others. Something similar happens when we act mercifully: the bread of mercy multiplies as it is shared."

-- Jubilee for Priests, June 2, 2016

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