

November 7, 2016

Dear Families,

You've all seen that guy/gal on the end of the interstate holding a sign saying "help needed" or "homeless" as you are busy running errands or traveling on vacation. Do you ever get that uncomfortable feeling knowing you should help out that person, living out the Gospel proclaimed to us in Matthew 25? You know the one that the Apostles ask Jesus when was He hungry and they fed him? Naked and clothed Him? Etc. Jesus tells them whenever they did it to the least of His people they did for Him? You feel that discomfort yet don't really do anything about it. Maybe you look the other way. Maybe you ignore that person. Maybe you want to give him/her money and help out but fearful what he/she might actually do with it. Maybe you want to help but don't want to become a target yourself.

As we conclude this Jubilee Year of Mercy and continue celebrating the canonization of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, we are going to help ease that discomfort and create Blessing Bags at this year's Family Advent Night.

These Blessing Bags will help live out the Works of Mercy as they will contain basic necessities for someone in need. You can keep this bag in your car and pass it out to someone you see in need as you are driving around town. However, we need your help to create these bags! Below you will find a list of donations needed. Please drop off all items by **Friday, November 18th** to the CFC office. Monetary donations will also be accepted. We will create these bags as a part of our Family Advent night on Monday, November 28 and Wednesday, November 30th.

Items:

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| ● Prayer cards | *personal care items (women) | *wipes |
| ● Applesauce/fruit cups | *fruit snacks | *shampoo |
| ● Plastic spoons | *comb | *chapstick |
| ● Toothbrush | *socks | *trail mix |
| ● Toothpaste | *knit gloves | *tuna/crackers |
| ● Deodorant | *soap | *washcloth |
| ● Hand sanitizer | *band-aids | *waterbottle |

If you have any questions, please contact us in the CFC office.

Sincerely,

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