

"Be kindhearted to the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted. Give them as much help and consolation as you can. Thank God for all the benefits He has bestowed upon you, that you may be worthy to receive greater." - St. Louis IX

As mentioned in the July NewsNotes, our President Judy would like to see a new program this term for the LDCCW. we are introducing the Box of Joy sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach. Box of Joy sends Christmas gifts to children in developing countries. Many of these children have never received a gift at Christmas just as many have never experienced Jesus. These shoebox sized gifts packed with toys, school supplies, a rosary, etc. demonstrate Christ's compassion for them and provides hope and joy.

Several of our parishes are already doing this project as it is an excellent project to include the entire parish, CCD classes, your PCCW or to do as a family project.

Sometime during the month of October requests go out for supplies to pack the boxes. This can be done by hanging tags with items named on a wreath or Christmas tree for example. The tags are taken and named items are returned. Boxes then are packed and readied to deliver to the collection site the first week in November. Some parishes choose to do this together after a weekend Mass, at a PCCW meeting or during a CCD class.