

Backpack of Blessings

A Lenten Almsgiving Project

This Lent, our parish is walking with children in the remote mountains of Northern Philippines—offering not just charity, but opportunity.

Through **Backpack of Blessings**, we are supporting the ***Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph*** and their mission school, ***St. Dominic de Guzman School***, the *only Catholic elementary school* serving this mountainous region of the Diocese of Malolos.

Many of the school's 80 students come from families living in poverty and commute daily from surrounding communities. While the Sisters faithfully provide education rooted in Catholic values, the school currently lacks the facilities required for **government recognition and accreditation.**

The proposed construction will add:

- A Science Laboratory
- A Library
- A Home Economics Room
- Additional classrooms

These facilities are essential to meeting government standards—opening the door to **accreditation**, **scholarships**, and **long-term sustainability** for the school.

Though roughly 8,000 miles and 19 hours from Chicago, this mission is close to home. Our pastor, Fr. Arthur Bautista, was educated by the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and is a living witness to the **life-changing power of Catholic education.** Now, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish has the opportunity to help extend that same gift to children who need it most.

Our Goal: Raise $10,000 or more this Lent

How to Give: Scan to give online or use the light-blue offertory envelopes

Together, let us be **Companions on the Journey**—carrying hope, faith, and learning to where it is needed most.