



**OUR LADY OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
PARISH**



As this school year ends, we are introducing a wonderful opportunity to show our support and care for college students in our community for the upcoming (2024-25) school year. At Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, we believe in fostering a sense of belonging and connection, even for those who may be away from home.

That's why Marriage & Family Ministry is excited to announce our College Care Cartons Program! We invite you—moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles and friends—to sign up loved ones away at college to receive thoughtful care packages throughout the year. These cartons will serve as reminders of home, filled with goodies that evoke the spirit of the Chicagoland area, faith-related items to help students continue their journey with God and updates on happenings back home to keep them connected to the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish community.

Here's what you can expect from our College Care Cartons:

Three Times a Year: Students will receive packages at key moments in the academic calendar: at the beginning of the school year, during Advent and during Lent. These times coincide with moments of transition and reflection, allowing us to send our love and support when it's needed most.

Unique Contents: Each package will be carefully curated to offer a personalized touch. From delicious snacks reminiscent of Chicago's flavors to spiritual elements that remind students of our shared faith, every item is chosen with care and consideration.

Expressions of Love and Prayer: Alongside the tangible gifts, the care cartons will carry our prayers and well-wishes. Students will know that they are loved and held in the embrace of our faith community, even from afar.

Stay Connected: Included in each package will be updates on what's happening back home. Whether it's news about events at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish or invitations to join us during breaks or visits home, we want to keep our college students informed and involved in our community.

To sign college student(s) up to receive these special Care Cartons, please scan the code or follow the link and complete the form: <https://olbsegv.org/carecartons/>

A Marriage & Family Minister may contact you to confirm details or get more information. Thank you for entrusting us with the opportunity to support and uplift our college students. Together, we'll make a meaningful difference in their lives as they navigate their faith and academic journey.

If you have any questions or would like more information about **Marriage & Family Ministry** or the **College Care Cartons Program**, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mary Ellen Ottenstein at (847) 979-0901 x1007 or info@olbsegv.org.

