

Christmas Adopt-a-Family Protocol and Limits 2017

As in the previous year, we are reaching out to the less fortunate in our area by adopting families with school age children who would otherwise be unable to celebrate the joys and blessings of this holy time of year. In our generosity we encourage consistency and equality in the treatment of those families who are adopted. The amount of money spent on each adult or child should be the same for all families who are adopted. Adopting parishioners who are able to spend more may want to consider adopting a family with more children or possibly adopting two families. Conversely, friends and neighbors can join together and adopt a large family. So that this sharing of blessings is equal in the eyes and hearts of all, the Social Concerns Ministry has set the following standards:

Parents - Total amount of money spent on mother or father should be \$25 limit each parent. We will ask parent(s) if they want to provide a wish list that meets our parameters. If not, gift(s) should be thoughtful and useful. Ideas include: gift cards, toiletries, gloves, scarves, chocolates, candies, holiday tins of pretzels/ popcorn / cookies, puzzles, games, cheese or dried fruit boards, socks calendars, movie tickets, and books to name a few. Consider filling a Christmas stocking / box/ or tin with your own home-baked goodies and some of the many unique items you may find at your local Dollar Store.

Children - Total amount of money spent on each child is limited to \$50. A Wish List will be provided by each of the children in the adopted family. Families will be advised of the parameters set so that the wish lists are realistic and doable. Gift Cards are a great idea because they afford the parent or child the fun of shopping.

**** Adopting Only A Child/ Children from a Family****

If a parent/ parents for any reason chooses not to receive gifts, they can opt out and have just the children receive them. Total amount of money spent on each child is limited to \$50. A Wish List will be provided by each of the children in the adopted family. Families will be advised of the parameters set so that the wish lists are realistic and doable. Gift Cards are a great idea because they afford the parent or child the fun of shopping.

Acceptance is not guaranteed as it is on a first served basis and dependent on the availability of an adopting family.

School Ambassadors

Each School Ambassador will receive a list with the names of parishioners who have adopted families from their school. It is their responsibility to contact each of the adopting parishioners and ensure that they are aware of the deadline for turning in their gift collection . When all of the gifts are collected, the Ambassadors will contact the appropriate school nurse or counselor and arrange to drop off the gifts.

Please contact us by Monday, December 11th to adopt a family.

If you have questions and /or are interested, contact:

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