



Christmas - The Season of Giving

Pope Francis asked us to reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy during the Jubilee of Mercy and last year, parishioners gave over \$10,000 in charitable gifts to loved ones; a true testament to the call to be merciful in our gift giving.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has this to say about the works: "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his or her spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity; it is also a work of justice pleasing to God." (No. 2447)

As the Year of Mercy has just concluded, may we continue to live mercifully by reflecting on the needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters and consider a charitable gift in honor of our family and friends to these suggested local ministries for our Christmas giving.

Dorothy Day House of Hospitality

Provides transitional housing and support services for homeless families in Memphis.

Haiti Ministry

Provides Assistance to our sister parish (Notre Dame d'Altagrace) and residents of Layaye with food, education, medicine and clean water.

ICCS Scholarship Fund

Provides tuition assistance for students of IC Cathedral School whose families are experiencing financial hardships.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Provides assistance with food, housing, and utilities for those in our community.

Catholic Charities of West TN

Assists people in need from all walks of life, regardless of faith.

Manna House

Provides care for homeless persons in midtown; offering showers, fresh clothes and hospitality.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Diocesan Mother Church and Parish; serving, educating and uniting.

Room in the Inn at the Cathedral

Provides shelter and meals to the homeless of Memphis from November - March in Marian Hall.

(Over for instructions)

Here is how you can help:

1. Make check payable to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception **designating the specific charity name in the “Memo” section of the check.**
2. Complete the form below, noting the name and address of the honoree as well as your name and address.
3. Place in the collection basket or turn in to parish office by ***Friday, December 9.*** That will ensure that an acknowledgement card to the honoree will be received prior to Christmas.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
“Christmas - the Season of Giving”
1695 Central Ave., Memphis, TN 38104

Your donation will be forwarded to the charity of your choice. The Cathedral or the designated charity will send an acknowledgment card to the honoree for their receipt before December 24th.

Please Print Clearly

Please check ministry or charity of your choice:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dorothy Day House | <input type="checkbox"/> Haiti Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> ICCS Scholarship Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Charities | <input type="checkbox"/> Room in the Inn at the Cathedral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manna House | <input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception | |

Gift in Honor of: _____

Gift in Memory of: _____

Send acknowledgement card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Gift given by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

For additional forms, feel free to make copies, pick up extra copies in the Narthex, or go to the website at <http://iccathedral.org> and click on the “Giving” button at the top of the page.