

Christmas 2018 Alternative Gift Giving List

Advent is a time of quiet anticipation and hope for Christ's rebirth. Often we focus elsewhere getting caught up in frantic preparations for the secular "holiday season" searching endlessly for gifts. We would like it to be different but each year for many of us, our Christmas observance is more a tribute to consumerism than to Jesus Christ. Instead of spending too much time and money buying material items for loved ones, you can give gifts of sharing benefiting others. The Alternative Gift Giving Catalog designates organizations in need identified by the Social Services office at Blessed Sacrament. This catalog provides the opportunity to sponsor services while reducing the commercialism of the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

When you place an order from this catalog, you may elect to receive a personalized card specifying the charitable service which you are sponsoring. Simply present the cards as your gift. Please check the box if you wish to have printed cards. Complete the order form below. Return the completed form for your gift selections and check made payable to Blessed Sacrament Church. Please deliver it no later than **December 20th**. The address is: Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 3630 Quesada St., NW, Washington, DC 20015-2423, ATTN: Michele Bowe. Completed cards will be mailed or available for pick up at the Parish Center. Questions? Contact Michele Bowe: 301.951.6427 or Michele.bowe@icloud.com.

Order Form

Item #	Description	Quantity	Price	Total
Total Enclosed:				\$

Check here if you want printed card(s)

If you request a card, print **your name** as you wish it to appear on the card and your address:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Please write the name and address of the **recipient** if you wish your card to be personalized and sent directly to the recipient:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Holy Family Hospital Bethlehem:

Celebrate the birth of the Christ Child by offering impoverished mothers and babies quality medical care only 1,500 steps from his birthplace. Holy Family Hospital provides state-of-the-art health care to thousands of women, infants, and children in the Holy Land.

HFH-1	Pre-Natal care for expectant mother	\$30
HFH-2	Equip mobile clinic serving the poorest families in remote desert areas	\$50
HFH-3	Sponsor a day in neo-natal intensive card unit for a preemie	\$100
HFH-4	Deliver a baby in Bethlehem	\$250-\$500

Prison Outreach Ministry:

Provides spiritual counseling and skill training at the D.C. Jail, assists those being released from prison in making a successful transition.

POM-1	Fee for GED or literacy training	\$50
POM-2	Bus passes for ex-offenders to attend job interviews and training	\$50
POM-3	For needy released, a set of clothes in which to return home	\$75
POM-4	Rent subsidy so inmate incarcerated briefly won't lose apartment	\$100-\$500

Fr. McKenna Center:

Provides meals, showers, laundry facilities, counseling, support group meetings, job search assistance and a hypothermia shelter for men.

MC-1	Hot lunch for 7 homeless men in from the cold	\$50
MC-2	Overnight shelter for three homeless men	\$75

Blessed Sacrament Soup Kitchen:

BS Parishioners have been volunteering in this ministry for over 35 years. Please affirm their work by supporting them and those they serve.

SK-1	Contribute toward toiletries and other items in Christmas stockings for the needy	\$50
SK-2	Help feed 20 hungry homeless people after the Christmas Season is over	\$75

Spanish Catholic Center:

Provides services to the immigrant community, including dental, medical, education, job training, immigration assistance and employment referrals.

SCC-1	Mammogram to detect breast cancer	\$50
SCC-2	Well baby exam and vaccinations	\$50
SCC-3	Pre-natal visit for expectant mothers or dental exam and cleaning	\$75
SCC-4	Tuition for pre-apprentice carpentry program.	\$100-250
	Job training for the under and un-employed	

Bethlehem House:

Offering our hands and sharing gifts of love, acceptance, generosity, hospitality and spirituality create the spirit at Bethlehem House, founded by Dolores Wilson to provide a Catholic family residence for adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.

BH-1	Small house repairs for rooms of residents	\$50
BH-2	Community Dinner outing	\$100
BH-3	Contribute towards home improvement	\$100-\$500