

# The Twice Blessed Giving Project

## One less for me, one for them.

**The Twice Blessed Giving Project is quite simple.**

Once the project is explained to the children, a child who wants to participate simply asks his or her parents if they will please buy one less gift for him or her and give that gift to a child in need this Christmas. **It is totally voluntary for any child/family to participate.**

The children will know that the gift he or she gives will probably be the only gift the other child receives this Christmas. The age, the size, style and preference as to the type of gift is to match the your giving child as there is a child just his or her size, age, with just the same interest and style, that will happily receive the gift given who otherwise would go without any gift at all. Both the giving and receiving child is blest, one with grace and one with gratitude.



**The gifts can be practical or playful.** Children in need, even very young ones, often ask in addition to toys for socks, underwear, warm clothes, jeans, sneakers, boots, sleeping bags, warm blankets and toiletries to keep them clean. **Whatever you give, must be new and unwrapped.** CKRS will hold a wrapping parties during our last week of school and all gifts will be sorted, bundled, wrapped and tagged by the older students.

**Big Box Gift cards for older children between 12-15 years old are always welcomed and always needed.**

**It is fine if there are duplicates of an item** as again, most children will only be receiving one gift. The gifts will go directly to children served by three receiving agencies which I have been personally affiliated with for many years. The Sisters at **Immaculate Conception Parish in Bridgeton** have many families with children who will be ever so grateful for a gift as will the children who are served by the **Saint Joseph Carpenter Society in Camden**. Some of the gifts will find their way to specific families who are in need and asked for our help. **If you know a family with real need this Christmas Season, please let me know and we will see what we can do to make Christmas a little more merry and bright for their children as well.**

**All in All, the goal is for our CKRS students to share a Christmas Blessing with about 100 children in need this Christmas Season. We met this goal easily last year and it would be wonderful to do it again.**

**I sincerely ask that you please do not just go and buy something and give it to your child to just bring in.**

If your child asks you to participate, take him or her to do the shopping and give your child the opportunity of grace to make the generous choice to receive one less Christmas gift this year in order for some other child to receive his or her only gift this year.

**Gifts are welcomed now until Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> the day/night of the Pageant.**

All children who bring in item will be given a ornament to place on our CKRS Giving Tree to help decorate it with love. You can also download and give them a "Gift Certificate" and wrap in place of the gift he or she would have received to place under the tree or cut off the bottom of this message and put it in their stocking! What a great reminder on Christmas day of the true spirit of Christmas someone else experienced because of your family's kindness. Don't be surprised if that gift you gave away brings the most joy on Christmas Day!



**THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!!!**

