

To all our new families,

The St. Junipero Serra Catholic School Adopt-a-Family program would like to welcome those families new to our school community this year. We invite you to join us in serving families in need through our annual school-wide effort that is Adopt-a-Family.

Each year, in collaboration with Catholic Charities of Orange County, St. Junipero Serra Catholic School provides Christmas gifts for families referred to our program based on their level of need for support during the holidays. Our school is consistently a top contributor to this event, and our help is especially needed this year.

The families who Catholic Charities serves are experiencing hardship at levels most of us cannot even imagine. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many families are asking for necessities such as food and school supplies this year, rather than the more typical requests for toys and clothing items. It is truly more important than ever that we come together as a school and faith-filled community to serve our neighbors in need.

Please look for more communication as we launch this program. In the Sunday parent e-mail on November 22, you will learn about the specific needs of the family being sponsored by your child's homeroom. We invite and encourage you to use the provided SignUpGenius links to sign up for whatever you would like to contribute.

Gifts, wrapped or bagged and labeled with each recipient's name, should be sent to school with your child no later than December 11th - the earlier the better! Gift cards should also be labeled and sent in a secure envelope or gift card holder. If you wish to purchase Scrip to use as Christmas gifts—and also help offset your tuition costs—please contact Dana Hardenburgh, Scrip Coordinator, at dhardenburgh@serraschool.org.

All gifts will be delivered from school to Catholic Charities on Monday, December 14th.

Questions? Need more information? Please reach out to our Adopt-A-Family program coordinators at adoptafamily@serraschool.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this beautiful event!

Blessings to you,

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