



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Diocese of Arlington

This Christmas, Provide the Basics for Someone in Need

Every day, Catholic Charities witnesses extraordinary need in our community. We serve seniors, refugee families, the disabled, the working poor, and the unemployed seeking food, toiletries, and clothing, as well as financial assistance.

During the Christmas season of giving and goodwill, YOU, the parishes, make a difference in the lives of the Northern Virginia poor through the annual Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington Giving Tree program.



Goals:

- ✓ Help those in need celebrate Christmas by reducing their financial burden
- ✓ Through Parish Giving Trees, collect gift cards
- ✓ Brighten the season of those who might otherwise go without
- ✓ Provide a nice meal, gasoline for their car, or other basic need items such as warm clothing
- ✓ Empower financially struggling parents to buy Christmas presents for their children.



What your Parish can do to help:

- If your Parish is going to have a Giving Tree, Catholic Charities would appreciate that you place ornaments on that say, "grocery or gas gift card—suggested amount \$20."
- Choose one of the following in need demographics for each ornament: senior or family in need, or homeless, refugee family, unemployed, or a hungry person.
- Recommended gift cards: Wal-Mart, Target, Giant, Safeway, Sheetz, Shell, Exxon and other

major/accessible gas and retail/grocery chains

Please deliver gift cards if possible by December 22nd to CCDA Administrative office, located at 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 250, Arlington VA 22203. Thank you for your generosity!

(For more information, contact Sherri Longhill at (703) 443-2481/2482 or email slonghill@ccda.net)

"Peace on earth to men and women of goodwill, who work quietly and patiently each day, in their families and in society, to build a more humane and just world, sustained by the conviction that only with peace is there the possibility of a more prosperous future for all."

-Pope Francis, 2016 Christmas Message