



## Christmas Box Mission!

Mission Circle is a St. James parish group founded by Fr. John Howard over 30 years ago. It started as an outreach to poor homeless girls in Tijuana, which led to the establishment of Casa Eudes, a home and school for young girls. Part of its mission is to reach out to poor families in Tijuana. This year, at the time of the Epiphany (Jan 6) volunteers from Mission Circle, which include parishioners from St. James, St. Therese in Carmel Valley, St. Brigid's in Pacific Beach, and St. Elizabeth Seton in Carlsbad, caravan to Nueva Esperanza school bringing wrapped gifts, soccer balls, and candy for the children, toiletries, a blanket, and miscellaneous donated clothes.

The Student Council and Mission Circle team would like to invite all St. James Academy families to participate in giving to a child in need this Christmas. Traditionally St. James families have supported Mission Circle by giving new or gently used sweaters or coats and by putting together a shoebox filled with items such as hairbrushes, books, small toys, underwear, T-shirts, toothbrushes, notebooks, pencils etc. A Christmas Box!

This year we hope to surprise 100 children with a "Christmas Box". All of these donations will be given to children in Tijuana on the feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6th). If you would like to participate please have your child pick up an information packet at the front office. The packet will include suggestions about what you can put in the box, instructions on how to wrap the box, and a photograph of the child you will be helping.



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Donations  
due in the  
office by Dec.  
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