



Can you help give a *Box of Joy* ?

The Holy Ghost Council of Catholic Women has worked with Cross Catholic Outreach to bring a *Box of Joy* to a child in a far away land (Haiti, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and others) for the last three years. In the past, we physically collected toys and goodies that would fit into a shoebox size container. Due to COVID-19, we will again be doing a contactless donation with donations through the Cross Catholic Website. In 2020 with the help of our generous parishioners, Holy Ghost donated **91** boxes along with the money needed for their shipping. As COVID spreads, children in developing countries need not only your support, but also the reassurance that they are loved by God! A *Box of Joy* has a material and spiritual impact on poor children in developing countries. For many of these children, a *Box of Joy* will be their first Christmas gift. Cross Catholic Outreach continues spreading the joy of the Gospel and distributes *Boxes of Joy* by following local guidelines in the developing countries they serve. In 2020 Cross Catholic Outreach distributed boxes to 61,422 children in 7 countries. It's easy to make a contactless donation.

Enter into your URL: <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online/>

Click the **red Donate Button** to get started. Select how many *Boxes of Joy* you wish to send. Your gift covers the cost of the items and shipment of the boxes. When filling out your credit card information, for Church enter: **Holy Ghost, Wood Dale, CCW**. For "What prompted this gift?" choose **Other**. If you need help online, Cross Catholic will help at 1-800-914-2420 x240.

Let Cross Catholic Outreach do the rest! They fill your Boxes of Joy with toys and goodies, and then ship on your behalf. Please make your donation by **November 21st**.

The cost of creating a box online is: \$25 per box + \$9 shipping for a total of **\$34** per box. In addition to covering the shipping and handling of your *Box of Joy* from the United States to the destination country, a portion of the \$9 contribution supports the Catholic ministries serving in the child's community, enabling them to have a greater impact on the lives of the poor.

If you prefer not to go online to Cross Catholic, or cannot donate a complete box, any donation is welcome. Send an envelope to Holy Ghost marked CCW Box of Joy, with your check made to Holy Ghost CCW, and we will put the checks together to complete a Box of Joy for you. You may also go online to the parish website, www.holyghostparish.org, click online giving, WeShare, to the Boxes of Joy donation box.

Contact Kelly by email to let her know how many boxes you donated so we can keep track and report back to you, or if you have any questions. (kelly9572@aol.com)

Thank you for your generosity and for putting your faith into action!