

Help bring a smile to a Child this Christmas!

This Advent, in partnership with Mother St. Bride, one of our parish schools, we would like to prepare for Christmas by doing something special. Some families are in the difficult situation where they may have a hard time making ends meet and will not be able to provide a gift for their child this Christmas. The school has offered the names of some families who could use our assistance.

What are we doing?



A Giving Tree will be in the lobby throughout Advent until December 15. On the tree will be angel ornaments with the name of a child, their age and whether they are male or female.

What do we do?

Items are to be <u>NEW</u>

* *Pick* an angel from our tree.
* *Purchase* a gift that is age-appropriate for this person.
* *Wrap* your gift and write a description of what is inside on the back of the angel tag.
* *<u>Return</u>* <u>the gift and tag</u> to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

The deadline for all gift returns is Monday, December 16
<u>which is important as all gifts have to be delivered</u> to the families.

Gift tags will be hung on the Giving Tree until all are taken.
If you are unable to assist with gifts, please pray for the intention of the families who we are assisting.

Suggestions?



You can Google ideas or ask someone you know who has children of a similar age for ideas but here are a few: Slippers, socks, new books and magazines, educational toys, science kits, stuffed animals, family DVD's, colouring books, puzzles, chocolates, sweets, craft kits, journals, gloves, mitts, blankets, pens, pencils, notebooks, toiletries.
Please – no army/war themed items (i.e. toy hand guns, etc.)



Solidarity Letter for the defenders of the Amazon

Dear seringueiros of Machadinho d'Oeste and Mura people of Manaus,

Thank you for protecting the Amazon rainforest, your traditional home and humanity's common heritage. We, the people of Canada, are pained to learn of your persecution, dispossession and criminalisation by those who would rob your lands, livelihoods, waters and way of life to exploit the gifts of the Amazon for profit.

We join you in urging your government to stop privileging corporate interests over your rights and the integrity of the forest. We will impel our government to hold Canadian companies to account for what they do on your lands.

Keeping you in our hearts, thoughts and prayers, we wish you more power in your fight for justice and dignity.

In solidarity,

	SIGNATURE	CITY/TOWN	PROVINCE
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Please send all solidarity signatures and letters as soon as possible or by April 30, 2020 at the latest.

<u>By mail to</u>:

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada
1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd floor
Montreal, QC H3G 1T7

<u>Or by email to</u>: action@devp.org

Canadians are invited to sign the above to show our solidarity with communities in the Brazilian Amazon whose land, water and way of life are being threatened by mining and logging companies. D & P will use the signatures gathered to advocate for the recognition and protection of these peoples' rights.

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