

HELP THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family was forced to leave its homeland and travel to a foreign land. Had it not been for the kindness of others to provide food and shelter, Christmas may never have happened.

Today, more than 100,000 unaccompanied young children arrive in our nation each year, and the Viator House of Hospitality provides food, shelter, clothing, case management and spiritual support to help young immigrant men to develop the talents needed to contribute to society.

The *Agape Community* is inviting you to join us this holiday season to donate items to Viator House of Hospitality. We hope to provide enough gifts for 30 young men, wrap them out of dignity of the human person and deliver them by Christmas.

To participate: Help us collect the items listed below and/or package them together during our teen and family day of service on Friday, December 23, 1:00 p.m. at Countryside Church, 1025 N. Smith Street, Palatine.

- Drop off any donations at the Bertrand home (446 N. Clark Drive, Palatine) or Piccolino home (1358 W Steeplechase Lane, Palatine) between December 4 to December 23 or
- Bring donated items on **Friday, December 23, 1 p.m., Countryside Church (1025 N. Smith)**

On December 23, we will gather in person to assemble donations, write handwritten notes for each recipient, wrap them out of dignity and pray over the bags while enjoying hot chocolate, coffee/tea and cookies. Check out more information about Agape: A Community of New Hope

<https://www.agape-acommunityofnewhope.com/>

Needed Donations

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles | <input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirts (S or M) | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Wash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee/tea tumblers | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirts (M or L) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Razors | <input type="checkbox"/> First-Aid Kits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hats | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaving Cream | <input type="checkbox"/> Aldi, Wal-Mart, Target |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Cards |

**CHRISTMAS IS MOST TRULY CHRISTMAS WHEN
WE CELEBRATE IT BY GIVING THE LIGHT OF
LOVE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST.**



Agape: A Community of New Hope, is an Intentional Eucharistic Community that welcomes everyone including women called to ministry, the LGBTQ+ community, their families and friends, the divorced, the disillusioned, and those longing for an inclusive and sustaining way to worship.

Learn more at www.agape-acommunityofnewhope.com