

Gift of Love Guidelines for Sponsoring a Mt. St. Joseph Resident

As a sponsor, you have committed to provide the following for the person you have selected:

- **A few (as many as you choose) new, wrapped gifts.*** Please select from the gifts suggested on the front of this sheet or see suggestions below. Feel free to add appropriate items. Each gift should be wrapped and tagged with the resident's name.

*Some suggestions are socks, panty hose, toiletries, slippers (non-skid), PJ's, housedresses, sweat suits, calendars, books, magazines, pen and pencil sets, stationery, stamps, throw blankets, combs, brushes, disposable razors, etc. If the diet allows, sweets and cookies are OK.

- Residents of Mt. St. Joseph are all developmentally handicapped women ranging in age from 35 to 80. Generally, four residents share a room furnished with a bed, dresser, nightstand, and closet for each. About 20 to 25 residents share a cottage. One nun oversees each cottage. There are approximately 15 retired nuns who share a residence on the grounds. They range in age from 70 to 90.
- **If you purchase a specific article of clothing, please attach a gift receipt to the item if it is available from the retailer.**
- **Thank you notes.** Please include with your gifts the blank thank you note you received at Sign-up. The nuns who run Mt. St. Joseph want their residents to write you a note. Please write your ID number in the lower left corner of the pre-addressed (to St. Francis de Sales Church) envelope you received at Sign-up. If the resident sends a note back to St. Francis, it will be in a marked file bin in the Gathering Space beginning in January. Please look for it there.
- **Packing the gifts.** Please use a decorative Christmas bag to pack your gifts. Please write the ID number on a tag, and attach it to the handle of the gift bag.

Return your gift bags to the Ministry Center

Friday, December 8 from 3 PM – 7 PM

or

Saturday, December 9 from 8 AM – 6 PM

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR
IF YOU NEED TO MAKE ALTERNATE DROP-OFF ARRANGEMENTS,
PLEASE CALL JANE CLERY AT 847-370-8933**

May this Christmas gift you are giving with your time and treasure bring God's blessing upon you and your family. Merry Christmas!