



Simple steps for participating in **Box of Joy** while practicing social distancing.



1. Select a Project Leader (October 30 deadline):

- A Project Leader plans, prepares and facilitates the packing of Box of Joy gifts by his or her group.
- Your group chooses a Project Leader, any adult who is excited about mobilizing Christmas joy!
- The Project Leader registers the group at boxofjoy.org, noting the number of children the group wants to bless with Boxes of Joy.

2. Organize (October):

- The Project Leader will receive a Project Leader Kit from Cross Catholic Outreach. Each kit includes Box of Joy materials for the group and COVID-19 guidelines for a safe and successful faith-in-action activity.

3. Shop and Pack (October):

- Project Leaders and their groups shop for children's gifts while following local health guidelines and pack the Boxes of Joy. **The group includes a \$9 donation** in each box to cover the cost of shipping and to support the priests and nuns ministering to these children.
- Shipping: Our staff is preparing for any adjustments that may need to be made in light of the unfolding situation. We can continue spreading the joy of the Gospel and distributing Boxes of Joy internationally in a safe manner by following local guidelines in each destination country.

4. Fill Boxes of Joy (Nov. 7-15):

Box of Joy Week is Nov. 7-15. All Box of Joy group members bring their Boxes of Joy to the group's meeting place while following the COVID-19 guidelines that were provided to each Project Leader.

5. Organize (Nov. 7-15):

The Project Leader delivers the Boxes of Joy to your local **Drop-Off Center**. Our interactive map (available soon) shows the locations of all Drop-Off Centers. Each location will be following COVID-19 precautionary measures to ensure your safety. Contact your local Drop-Off Center to see whether an appointment is required. Details here: CrossCatholic.org/DropOffCenters

6. Blessings are on the way (Christmas):

The Boxes of Joy are shipped to the children in greatest need around the world. In 2019, Box of Joy participants blessed over 75,797 children in seven countries.

Boxes of Joy are needed now more than ever. You and your group can have a role in reaching tens of thousands of children with God's love by participating in the Box of Joy ministry.



Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

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