

Instruction card for the giver of Saint Gemma's Gift:

"Every time I went out I used to ask father for money, and if, as sometimes happened, he refused I would take bread and flour and other things. And God arranged that I should often meet poor people, every time I left the house." ~St. Gemma Galgani

Thank you for answering the call to be an active apostle for Christ! When you receive your Saint Gemma's Gift bag, say a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to guide you to an individual in need. If you have children that you would like to involve, pray with them or ask them to draw a picture for the individual.

Place Saint Gemma's Gift in your car, stroller, or a place that will be available when you encounter a person in need. This may be while stopped at a stop light, walking at a city event, or enjoying time on a bike path. When God places you in the path of an individual in need, offer them Saint Gemma's Gift.

If you are comfortable, learn their name, story, and ask if they know of the resources that are available to them, go through the provided card with them. Often individuals are simply passing through and may not know where to get aid. Also, pray with them and show them our Mass times on the provided card. Let them know which Mass you will be attending so that they feel personally welcomed.

Please keep in mind that these individuals are experiencing extreme hardship, we don't know what they have gone through or the cross they bear. If they do not accept Saint Gemma's gift, your prayers are beneficial.

After you have given Saint Gemma's Gift, you may pick up another one at the church office for the next individual in need that you encounter. Please send a note about your experience to office@sacredheartwdm.org, so that we may adapt the program and pray more specifically for these individuals.

Thank you and God bless you!

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