

Cards of Mercy: Christmas



Cards of Mercy are a way to reach out to those in prison with messages of kindness and love. Students or adults are asked to prepare cards for holidays throughout the year, which will be delivered to incarcerated individuals. This project is part of the Restorative Justice Ministry.

Cards should be sent to the Chancery (1 Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109). These can be mailed or delivered in person. Any questions, contact Julio Escobar by email at escobarj@sfarch.org or by phone at (415) 614-5572.

Front Page

For the front page of the card, you will draw a colorful design to represent the holiday.

Back Page

The back page should be left blank.



Inside Top

Choose a scripture verse.

- “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6
- “After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’” – Matthew 2:1-2
- “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16
- “When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” – Matthew 2:10
- “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” – Matthew 1:21
- “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” – Luke 2:14



Inside Bottom

On the bottom of the inside page, each student should write a personalized message to the incarcerated person.

The greeting should say something like, “Dear Friend” or “Dear Brother or Sister.” This message should be optimistic and cheerful. It can express holiday-related messages, as well as general encouragement.

The goal is to spread love and kindness at Christmas.

The card can be signed with a student’s or adult’s first name and grade, with a closing such as “Love, Kayla, a 9th Grade Student.” The last name should not be included.

Please do not add embellishments such as sequins, glitter, gemstones, etc.

