Thanksgiving 2020 - Together while Apart

Knowing that a number of the Sisters who live in the Wheaton area would not be able to go to Our Lady of the Angels for Thanksgiving dinner, the staff prepared a traditional turkey dinner to go. Sr. Melanie provided curb-side service for the delivery of the 14 dinners for the Sisters living off-campus (perhaps to be shared with their furry friends.)

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Advent 2020 - Choose to Hope

How does a community of faith celebrate Advent together in the midst of a pandemic when we can’t be together? We create Advent-to-Go bags! Knowing that we would not be able to gather together, the Wheaton Franciscan Liturgy Planning team (Melanie Teska, Covenant Companion Paige Samdal, Sr. Melanie Paradis, Sr. Diane Przyborowski, and Fr. Phil Horrigan) put together and distributed more than 75 Advent “to-go” bags. Each bag included an Advent wreath, candle, cloth in the colors of the season, and a prayer booklet.

The bags were distributed “curb-side” on Tuesday, November 24 and Saturday, November 28. The photo’s below are of the team members distributing some of the bags on a Saturday.

The theme for our Wheaton Franciscan Advent journey is Choose to Hope. In this year of the unexpected let us open ourselves to the mystery of the humble Christ born into our world to show us the way of love.

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