



**St. Oscar Romero Parish**  
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***"The one who has a voice must speak for those who are voiceless" - St. Oscar Romero***

January 6, 2026

Alfonso Bautista  
Memorial Scholarship  
6425 S Harlem Ave Chicago IL 60638

Dear Alfonso Bautista,

I thank you for the toy donation of the many bags of toys you gave our parish of St Oscar Romero to distribute to the needed families of our religious education program. It was very generous and kind of you and your memorial scholarship foundation to think of our community who is going through difficult times. The toys were given to families who have been struggling economically or are experiencing family issues specially due to the immigration situation that is hurting Hispanic communities.

These children, thanks to you, were able to have a gift this year after experiencing problems with their families at home. The kids little faces lighted up with joy as they were given their gift. The families in our community are low income. They work the whole week and are not able to provide their children with the gifts they would like for Christmas, specially in these times where many parents stopped working due to fear that they would be separated from their children due to the immigration situation going on. These families are wonderful and a great example of perseverance and love for their children.

When the toys were given on your behalf, the kids were super excited and the parents beyond grateful to see their kids happy. These families shared how they have been struggling financially to feed their family and be able to continue in this country were they have lived for many years.

Our community along with myself are beyond thankful for your donation. It is through donations as these that the life of our brothers and sisters in Christ is touched and we are able to see the Christ that is in each one of us. Once again thank you very much and rest assured you will be in our prayers always!

Sincerely,  
Maria Batres  
St Oscar Romero Religious Education Coordinator