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

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Alfonso Bautista
Bautista Memorial Scholarship
6425 S Harlem Ave
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Dear Alfonso Bautista,

I deeply thank you for the toy donation of the six big 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 of you and your memorial scholarship foundation to think of our community. The toys were given to families who have been struggling economically or are experiencing family issues. These children, thanks to you, were able to have a gift and their little faces lighted up with joy as they were given their gift.

Many of 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. These families are wonderful and a great example of perseverance and love for their children. When the toys were presented to the parents and their children on your behalf, the kids were super excited and the parents beyond grateful. The parents were in joy, but also in astonishment that they would be receiving something. These families shared how they have been struggling financially to feed their family considering how prices have been going up and they could not afford gifts this Christmas for their kids.

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!

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Rev Jose Del Carmen Méndez