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"Thank you so much for your gifts. It was so hearwarming and was so happy for your love and care for us seafarers. Thank you for your efforts in preparing this parcel."  
–Louie Jay, seafarer

### How to participate:

Simply pack a bag (15"x12") suitable for a **male**. Thanks to some generous seamstresses, we have oodles of beautiful bags to share. You pay only the shipping charges. Order them from our website. To make your own bag, please follow the guidelines on our website.

**Parcel contents DOs:** Do enclose a **greeting card** along with new items in their original packaging from these four categories (about 2 items per category):

1. TOILETRIES: Ex. Toothbrush/toothpaste; razor/shaving cream; soap/shampoo
2. WARM CLOTHING: Ex. Toque; gloves; socks; scarf
3. SNACKS: Ex. Candy; chocolate; nuts; cookies
4. PLAY/LEISURE/GIFT: Ex. Headlamp/flashlight; calendar; "Bicycle" playing cards; Canada souvenir such as a magnet or keychain; Sudoku

**Parcel contents DON'Ts:** Don't include heavily scented items such as Irish Spring soap, office supplies, cleaning supplies/products, used items or unpackaged items such as a toothbrush, loose candy or home baking.

**We also accept gently used winter coats and warm sweaters of all sizes for men.**

Ship your parcels to us by November or take advantage of the free drop-off locations posted by mid-October at [www.ministrytoseafarers.org/parcels/#christmas-parcels](http://www.ministrytoseafarers.org/parcels/#christmas-parcels).

**Thank you for your generosity!** If you need further help or have a question, please contact Patty at [info@ministrytoseafarers.org](mailto:info@ministrytoseafarers.org), 514-849-3234 (office) or 438-887-7251 (cell).



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