



Knights of Columbus

Illinois State Council
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Worthy Grand Knight:

We are an organization that values all human life. As an ongoing commitment to that value, we are asking you and your council to participate in the Annual **MONTH OF MAY, PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER** Program.

PURPOSE: TO COLLECT BABY ITEMS TO BENEFIT EXPECTANT MOTHERS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE CHOOSE ABORTION AND TO ALSO BENEFIT THE UNBORN WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE BE GIVEN THE "RIGHT TO LIFE".

WHEN: THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY.

WHERE: AT YOUR COUNCIL'S HOME PARISH(ES)

HOW TO CONDUCT:

1. Obtain your Pastor's permission to set up a baby crib or a play pen in the entrance or foyer of your church. If the Parish already has a similar program in place, offer your support as a co-sponsor.
2. Place an ad in the parish bulletin and write a pulpit announcement.
3. Locate a baby crib or playpen to use. Most councils will have a member who has a used item, in good condition, no longer in use. Baby bottles may be distributed for families to put in their spare change and collected at the end of the month. These are available from the Centers.
4. Beginning the 1st Sunday in May, and continuing all throughout the month of May, ask your parish priest to announce to the congregation, or get permission for one of your council members to announce, during or at the end of each Mass, that your council is conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower with the proceeds to be given to the Pro-Life organization of your choice! Note: If only one Sunday is available, make your announcement in advance.

Ask parishioners to donate baby or maternity clothing (new), layette items (undershirts, socks, receiving blankets), diapers, bottles, formula, toys, baby food, etc.. Be sure to "seed" the baby crib with some nice baby items to stimulate donations! Gender neutral items are appreciated.

Make an appropriate sign to call attention to the collection of baby items for those people that miss the pulpit announcements.

5. At the end of May, take all the items and donate them to the Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center(s) of the Parish or Council's choice. **Note: The value of the statewide collections in 2012 exceeded \$45,000.00!**
6. Please conduct this activity in addition to your regular Pro-Life activities held during the fraternal year. We hope to see 100% of councils across Illinois participate in this activity.

NOTE

Please fill in the form on the reverse side (page 2) and mail to the address at the bottom of page 2. Where possible, please include photos of your Baby Shower for use on our display board. Certificates will be awarded for each Diocese.

Pro-Life Baby Shower Diocese Award Report Form

Mailing Deadline June 20th

Council Name: _____

Council Number _____ Did Council Participate in Baby Shower? _____

If No, Why Not? _____

Name of Parish(es) and city where Drive was held: _____

Estimated total value of Drive: _____

Percentage of Membership participation: _____

On a scale of 1 to 10, please rate how well the program was received.

Council: _____ Parish(es): _____

Please list the name(s) of the organization(s) that received the benefits of the shower:

Please list name, address, and phone number of Council Pro-Life Chaircouple or Chairman: _____

E-mail address, if available: _____

Form submitted by: Signed _____ Title: _____

Grand Knight _____ Date: _____ Diocese: _____

Please send form to:

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