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## Baby Bank Campaign 2011

The annual Baby Bank Campaign has had great success in the past years. We thank everyone who has contributed their time and talents to run the campaign. This campaign raises funds for parish pro-life apostolates and the Beginning of Life apostolates of the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living. Held during the month of October, Respect Life Month, the Baby Bank Campaign also helps to raise awareness for the *Gospel of Life*. Funds are collected through 3” x 3” coin boxes or 3” x 5” coin cans called “Baby Banks.” Baby Banks have both English and Spanish text.

Below is a guideline for this year’s Baby Bank Campaign. If have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

### Beginning a Successful Campaign

- **Please pray** for the success of all parish Baby Bank Campaigns!
- May, 2011 - information packets will be mailed to each Pastor and to all Pro-Life Committee Chairs.
  - Pro-Life Committee Chairs must have Pastor approval to conduct the Baby Bank campaign.
  - Please make an appointment to meet with your pastor, before June 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the campaign. You’ll want to cover these topics; determine the number of Baby Banks to be purchased, storage of baby banks until distribution at the end of September, use of pulpit and bulletin announcements and process for collection and check to be sent to the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living. Please emphasize that pulpit and bulletin announcements are key to a successful campaign. This packet has been sent in it’s entirety to your pastor. There is a sheet included in this packet titled, “Appointment with Pastor” with information that you will both need for this campaign.

### Ordering Baby Banks

- July 1, 2011 orders are due. Please print and complete the enclosed order form with payment and mail to the Office of Pro-Life activities and Chaste Living. Baby Bank boxes are \$0.10 each.
  - Boxes or cans from previous Baby Bank campaigns may be used. However, the cans can no longer be ordered from the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living.

### Picking up Baby Banks

- Baby banks will be distributed on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pro-Life Volunteer Appreciation Day. If different arrangements need to be made for pick up, please contact our office.

### Conducting a Successful Baby Bank Campaign

- Early September is a good time to begin calling volunteers to help with Baby Bank disbursement.
- Bulletin and pulpit announcements should begin during the month of September to let people know when the campaign will begin.
- The campaign will start with distribution of the baby banks on the last weekend in September and last through the month of October – Respect Life Month.
- Announcement reminders regarding the Baby Bank Campaign should take place throughout October at both Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. (A parish may choose to conduct the Baby Bank Campaign other than October, at the Pastor’s discretion.)
- Parishes are encouraged to distribute lapel pins to parishioners who participate in the campaign. Lapel pins may be ordered with baby banks using the order form at a discounted rate.

*“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” – John 10:10*

- If your pastor approved, don't forget to talk with the parish Liturgist to add petitions for all Masses during the month of October. Petitions are included for easy distribution to your pastor or liturgist.

### **Concluding the Baby Bank Campaign**

- The parish or parish committee will collect baby banks after each Mass on the last weekend of October (Oct 29 & 30).
- November 2011 - Baby Bank funds are counted by parishes and checks for 100% of funds raised are mailed to the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living. Please complete the Counting Form and submit with your check. *All parishes must count their baby bank money in cooperation with parish administration and in accordance with policies found in the Pastoral Manual.*
  - 50% of the funds will be allocated to the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living to benefit the Beginning of Life Apostolates, specifically:
    1. Gabriel Project (parish ministry and the Life Centers)
    2. Project Rachel
    3. Pro-Life Help Line
    4. Sidewalk Ministry
  - 50% of the remaining funds will be allocated as follows:
    - First – Any balance due for baby banks or lapel pins will be deducted.
    - Second – A check will be issued to the ministry or ministries indicated on the Counting Form. If more than one ministry is selected, the remaining funds will be divided equally.
- Early December - Parish Pro-Life Committees can thank the community by using the “Thank You” bulletin and pulpit announcements. You will want to include the amount raised by your parish.

# Appointment with Pastor

Schedule to meet with your pastor before June 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the campaign. Here is an outline of items you will want to clarify with your pastor.

1. **Gain approval from your pastor** to conduct the Baby Bank Campaign at your parish. Promote to support the needs of your parish Gabriel Project or Pro-Life Committee. Be able to give examples of how your committee(s) have been able to assist people in the past year. Or because of lack of funds have not been able to assist people in need.
  - The Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living will distribute 50% of the funds raised to the pro-life apostolate of parish choice. These choices are outlined on the Baby Bank Counting Form. The remaining 50% will benefit the Beginning of Life Apostolates of the Offices of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living, specifically the Gabriel Project, both the parish ministry and the Life Centers, Project Rachel, Pro-Life Help Line and Sidewalk Ministry.
2. **Determine the number of Baby Banks** to be purchased. Know how many were purchased last year, if you ran short or had any left over.
  - If there were baby banks left over from last year, how many were there and where are they now?
  - Establish a number to be ordered: \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Storage of baby banks** until distribution at the end of September
  - Baby Banks are 3x3 boxes that will be picked up at the end of July, therefore, storage will need to be somewhere dry and not susceptible to humidity.
  - A box of 200 baby banks is approximately the size of one case of copy paper.
4. **Distribution of Baby Banks**
  - The boxes will be distributed to parishioners after each Mass on the last weekend in September.
  - If volunteers through your Parish Pro-Life Committee are not available you could consider your parish youth group, confirmation candidates, Knights of Columbus, Gabriel Angels, friends, etc.
5. **Pulpit and Bulletin announcements**
  - Pulpit and bulletin announcements are key to a successful campaign. Example announcement are attached in English and Spanish.
6. **Ending the Campaign**
  - The Baby Banks are collected the last weekend in October (Oct 29 & 30).
  - All parishes must count their baby bank money in cooperation with parish administration and in accordance with policies found in the Pastoral Manual.
  - The Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living will maintain a record of funds collected from each parish.
  - Unused Baby Banks may be stored for future use or returned for credit.
  - A check for 100% of funds collected at the parish will be submitted to The Office of Pro-Life Activities with the “Counting Form.” The Office will then issue a check to the appropriate ministry.

# Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements

**Bulletin and Pulpit announcements are essential to a successful Campaign and will raise awareness for greater respect for human life during Respect Life Month. Awareness will invigorate your parish Pro-Life Committee or parish Gabriel Project and bring in new volunteers.**

Make sure your name and contact information of your parish Pro-Life Committee is listed on every flier and bulletin announcement. This is a great way to recruit new committee members.

- Sep 10/11 Baby Banks are coming! The Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living will be organizing a Baby Bank Campaign during the month of October, Respect Life Month, to foster a greater respect for the sanctity of human life. For more information on volunteering please contact [Your Name] at [Your contact info. (phone and/ or email)], Pro-Life Committee Chair.
- Sep 17/18 Pick up your Baby Bank after Mass next Sunday! The Baby Bank Campaign takes place during October, Respect Life Month, to raise awareness for Pro-Life apostolates such as the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel. For more information on volunteering please contact [Your Name] at [Your contact info. (phone and/ or email)], Pro-Life Committee Chair.
- Sep 24/25 Baby Banks are here! Volunteers will be distributing Baby Banks today after each Mass to support Pro-Life apostolates such as the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, the Pro-Life Help Line, and the Gabriel Project Life Centers. Please pick up a Baby Bank today and fill it with coins during October, Respect Life Month. Thank you for your commitment to Life! For more information or to volunteer please contact [Your Name] at [Your contact info. (phone and/ or email)], Pro-Life Committee Chair.
- Oct 1/2 October is Respect Life Month. Let us strive to live the Gospel of Life with honesty and love. Remember Pro-Life apostolates such as the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel by making a donation to your Baby Bank. For more information or to volunteer please contact [Your Name] at [Your contact info. (phone and/ or email)], Pro-Life Committee Chair.
- Oct 8/9 October is Respect Life Month. Remember to donate any spare pocket change to your Baby Bank and help foster a greater respect for the sanctity of life. Return your filled Baby Bank on Sunday, October 30, 2010. *“The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus’ message. Everyone has an obligation to serve life.” Pope John Paul II.*
- Oct 15/16 *“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” – John 10:10.* Remember to donate any spare pocket change to your Baby Bank and help foster a greater respect for the sanctity of life. Return your filled Baby Bank on Sunday, October 30, 2010.
- Oct 22/23 *Every human life has its origin in the heart of God.* Make a contribution to your Baby Bank today. Next Sunday, October 29, remember to return your Baby Bank to a Pro-Life volunteer after Mass. Thank you for your commitment to Life! For more information on building a Culture of Life, please contact [Your Name] at [Your contact info. (phone and/ or email)], Pro-Life Committee Chair.
- Oct 29/30 Please drop off your Baby Banks to a Pro-Life volunteer today after Mass. Thank you for your commitment to Life! Watch for a future announcement on the amount our parish raised. If you have forgotten your Baby Bank, you may drop it off at the parish office this coming week. For more information on building a Culture of Life, please contact [Your Name] at [Your contact info. (phone and/ or email)], Pro-Life Committee Chair.
- Early Dec The parish Pro-Life Committee would like to report that our parish raised \$ \_\_\_\_\_ during October’s Baby Bank Campaign to support Pro-Life Apostolates. Fifty percent of the funds raised will go towards supporting [name parish chosen Pro-Life apostolate] and the other fifty percent will support Beginning of Life Apostolates at the Diocese. Thank you for your commitment to the *Gospel of Life*. For more information on building a Culture of Life, please contact [Your Name] at [Your contact info. (phone and/ or email)], Pro-Life Committee Chair.

*“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” – John 10:10*

## Avisos para el Boletín (en Español)

- Sep 10/11 Las alcancías del Banco del Bebé están por venir! .La Oficina de Actividades Pro-Vida y de viviendo en castidad, está organizando la Campaña ‘El Banco del Bebé’ durante el mes de Octubre, que es el Mes de Respeto a la Vida, para fomentar un mayor respeto a la santidad de la vida humana. Para obtener más información sobre el voluntariado por favor póngase en contacto con [nombre] en [datos del contacto como Teléfono y / o correo electrónico], nuestro Representante del Comité Pro-Vida.
- Sep 17/18 Por favor recoja su alcancía para el Banco del Bebé después de la misa del próximo domingo!. La Campaña ‘El Banco del Bebé’ se lleva a cabo durante Octubre, Mes del Respeto a la Vida, para crear conciencia sobre los apostolados Pro-Vida como son el Proyecto Gabriel y Proyecto Raquel. Para obtener más información sobre el voluntariado por favor póngase en contacto con [nombre] en [datos del contacto como Teléfono y / o correo electrónico], nuestro Representante del Comité Pro-Vida.
- Sep 24/25 Las alcancías del Banco del Bebé están aquí! .Los voluntarios distribuirán HOY día las alcancías del Banco del Bebé, después de cada misa en apoyo a los apostolados Pro-Vida como el Proyecto Gabriel, Proyecto Raquel, la Línea de Ayuda de emergencia del apostolado Pro-Vida y de los Centros Proyecto-Pro-Vida Gabriel. Por favor recoja una alcancía del Banco del Bebé y llénelas de monedas durante el mes de Octubre, Mes de Respeto a la Vida. Gracias por su compromiso con la Vida! Para obtener más información sobre el voluntariado por favor póngase en contacto con [nombre] en [datos del contacto como Teléfono y / o correo electrónico], nuestro Representante del Comité Pro-Vida.
- Oct 1/2 Octubre es el Mes de Respeto a la Vida. Esforcémonos por vivir el Evangelio de la vida con honestidad y amor. Recuerde los apostolados Pro-Vida como el Proyecto Gabriel y el Proyecto Raquel haciendo una donación al Banco del Bebé. Para obtener más información sobre el voluntariado por favor póngase en contacto con [nombre] en [datos del contacto como Teléfono y / o correo electrónico], nuestro Representante del Comité Pro-Vida.
- Oct 8/9 Octubre es el Mes de Respeto a la Vida. Recuerde donar el cambio que tenga en su bolsillo y depositarlo en su alcancía del Banco del Bebé y ayudar a fomentar un mayor respeto por la santidad de la vida. Devuelva su alcancía del Banco del Bebé el Domingo 30 de octubre del 2010. *“El Evangelio de Vida está en el corazón del mensaje de Jesús”*. *“Todos tienen la obligación de servir a la vida”*, del Papa Juan Pablo II.
- Oct 15/16 *“Yo vine para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia.”* - Juan 10:10. . Recuerde donar el cambio que tenga en su bolsillo y depositarlo en su alcancía del Banco del Bebé y ayudar a fomentar un mayor respeto por la santidad de la vida.. Devuelva su alcancía llena el Domingo 30 de Octubre del 2010.
- Oct 22/23 *Toda vida humana tiene su origen en el corazón de Dios*. Hacer una contribución al Banco del Bebé. El próximo domingo 25 de Octubre recuerde devolver la alcancía del Banco del Bebé a un voluntario del apostolado Pro-Vida después de la Misa. Gracias por su compromiso con la vida! Para obtener más información sobre como edificamos una cultura de la vida, por favor póngase en contacto con [nombre] en [datos del contacto como Teléfono y / o correo electrónico], nuestro Representante del Comité Pro-Vida.
- Oct 29/30 Por favor traiga y entregue su alcancía del Banco del Bebé a un voluntario del apostolado Pro-Vida después de la Misa. Gracias por su compromiso con la vida! Busquen próximamente un aviso con información acerca de cual fue el importe reunido por nuestra parroquia. Si se le olvidó traer su alcancía del Banco del Bebé, puede entregarla en la oficina de la parroquia durante la semana. Para obtener más información sobre como edificamos una cultura de la vida, por favor póngase en contacto con [nombre] en [datos del contacto como Teléfono y / o correo electrónico], nuestro Representante del Comité Pro-Vida.
- Early Dec El Comité Pro-Vida de la parroquia les desea informar que nuestra parroquia recaudó \$ \_\_\_\_\_ durante la Campaña de Octubre del ‘El Banco del Bebé’ para apoyar a los Apostolados Pro-Vida. El cincuenta por ciento de los fondos recaudados serán destinados a apoyar a [nombre de la parroquia elegida, del apostolado Pro-Vida] y el otro cincuenta por ciento apoyará los Apostolados de Comienzo de Vida de la Diócesis. Gracias por su compromiso con el *Evangelio de la Vida*. Para obtener más información sobre como edificamos una cultura de la vida, por favor póngase en contacto con [nombre] en [datos del contacto como Teléfono y / o correo electrónico], nuestro Representante del Comité Pro-Vida.

## Pulpit Announcements, English

Make sure your name and contact information of your parish Pro-Life Committee is listed on every flier and bulletin announcement. This is a great way to recruit new committee members.

- Sep 10/11 The Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living of the Diocese of Austin is organizing a Baby Bank Campaign during Respect Life Month in October to foster greater respect for the sanctity of all human life. Please refer to the parish bulletin for more information on how you can help.
- Sep 17/18 The Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living of the Diocese of Austin is organizing a Baby Bank Campaign during October's Respect Life Month. Please pick up a Baby Bank after Mass next week to support Pro-Life apostolates. Refer to the parish bulletin for more information on getting involved.
- Sep 24/25 Baby Banks are here! The parish Pro-Life Committee will be distributing Baby Banks today after each Mass to spread the Gospel of Life. Please pick up a Baby Bank today and fill it with coins during October, which is Respect Life Month. Thank you for your commitment to Life! See the bulletin for more information.
- Oct 1/2 October is Respect Life Month. Let us strive to live the Gospel of Life with honesty and love. Remember Pro-Life apostolates such as the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel and make a donation to your Baby Bank.
- Oct 8/9 October is Respect Life Month. Remember to donate any spare pocket change to your Baby Bank and help foster greater respect for the sanctity of all human life. Return your filled Baby Bank on Sunday, October 30, 2010.
- Oct 15/16 October is Respect Life Month. Let us strive to live the Gospel of Life with honesty and love. Remember Pro-Life apostolates such as the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel and make a donation to your Baby Bank.
- Oct 23/24 Remember to return your Baby Bank next Sunday to a Pro-Life Committee member after Mass. Thank you for your commitment to Life!
- Oct 29/30 Please drop off your Baby Banks to a Pro-Life Committee member today after Mass. If you have forgotten your Baby Bank, you may drop it off at the parish office on Monday. Thank you for your commitment to Life!
- Early Dec The parish Pro-Life Committee would like to report that our parish raised \$ \_\_\_\_\_ during October's Baby Bank Campaign. Thank you for your commitment to the *Gospel of Life*. Please see the bulletin for more information.

## Avisos para el Púlpito (en Español)

- Sep 10/11 La Oficina de Actividades Pro-Vida y Viviendo en Castidad, de la Diócesis de Austin está organizando la Campaña ‘El Banco del Bebé’ que se llevará a cabo durante Octubre, mes del Respeto a la Vida para promover un mayor respeto por la santidad de la vida humana..... Por favor, consulte el boletín de la parroquia para más información sobre cómo puede ayudar.
- Sep 17/18 La Oficina de Actividades Pro-Vida y Viviendo en Castidad, de la Diócesis de Austin está organizando la Campaña ‘El Banco del Bebé’ que se llevará a cabo durante el mes de Octubre, Mes del Respeto a la Vida. ...Por favor recoja su alcancía para el Banco del Bebé después de la Misa de la próxima semana! para apoyar los apostolados Pro-Vida. Consulte el boletín de la parroquia para más información de cómo participar.
- Sep 24/25 Las alcancías del Banco del Bebé están aquí! Los voluntarios distribuirán HOY día, las alcancías del Banco del Bebé, después de cada misa para difundir el Evangelio de la Vida..... Por favor recoja una alcancía del Banco del Bebé y llénelas de monedas durante el mes de Octubre, Mes de Respeto a la Vida... Gracias por su compromiso con la Vida! Consulte el boletín para más información.
- Oct 1/2 Octubre es el Mes de Respeto a la Vida. Esforcémonos por vivir el Evangelio de la vida, con honestidad y amor. Recuerde los apostolados Pro-Vida como el Proyecto Gabriel y el Proyecto Raquel haciendo una donación al Banco del Bebé.
- Oct 8/9 Octubre es el Mes de Respeto a la Vida. Recuerde donar el cambio que tenga en su bolsillo y depositarlo en su alcancía del Banco del Bebé y ayudar a fomentar un mayor respeto por la santidad de la vida.... Devuelva su alcancía llena el Domingo 30 de Octubre del 2010.
- Oct 15/16 Octubre es el Mes de Respeto a la Vida. Esforcémonos por vivir el Evangelio de la vida con honestidad y amor. Recuerde los apostolados Pro-Vida como el Proyecto Gabriel y el Proyecto Raquel haciendo una donación al Banco del Bebé
- Oct 23/24 Recuerde devolver la alcancía del Banco del Bebé después de Misa, a un miembro del Comité Pro-Vida.... Gracias por su compromiso con la vida!
- Oct 29/30 Por favor traiga y entregue su alcancía del Banco del Bebé a un miembro del Comité Pro-Vida después de la Misa. Si se le olvidó traer su alcancía del Banco del Bebé, puede entregarla en la oficina de la parroquia el lunes..... Gracias por su compromiso con la Vida!
- Early Dec El Comité Pro-Vida de la parroquia les desea informar que nuestra parroquia recaudó \$ \_\_\_\_\_ durante la Campaña de ‘El Banco del Bebé’ de Octubre. Gracias por su compromiso con el *Evangelio de la Vida*. Favor de leer su boletín para más información.

# Baby Bank Order Form

Orders due July 1, 2011

Parish: _____	City: _____
Person placing order: _____	Title: _____
Phone: _____	E-mail: _____

## Order

Baby Bank (\$0.10/ea.)

Precious Feet Lapel Pin (\$0.60/ea.)

# of Baby Banks: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lapel Pins: \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$0.10/box = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$0.60/pin = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST OF BABY BANK AND LAPEL PIN ORDER: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## Payment Options

Enclosed is a check for the total cost of baby banks and lapel pins.

Deduct the cost of this order from the total funds submitted at the end of the Campaign.

## Pick-up Options

Will pick up July 24<sup>th</sup> (Pro-Life Volunteer Appreciation Day)

I will contact your office to make other arrangements.

## Order Submission

Mail to      Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living  
                  Diocese of Austin  
                  6225 Highway 290 East  
                  Austin, TX 78723

Fax            (512) 949-2520

E-mail        [yvonne-saldana@austindiocese.org](mailto:yvonne-saldana@austindiocese.org)

Make checks payable to “Diocese of Austin,” memo: Baby Banks

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# Baby Bank Counting Form

Complete this form and return to the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living with a check for 100% of funds raised.

Parish: _____	City: _____
Person submitting form: _____	Title: _____
Phone: _____	E-mail: _____

**From the 100% submitted, funds will be distributed as follows:**

- 1) 50% of funds will be applied to the Beginning of Life Apostolates of the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living.
- 2) From the funds remaining
  - Baby Bank and lapel pin outstanding balance(s) will be deducted.
  - Balance will be distributed evenly among each ministry you select below.
    - Parish Pro-Life Committee  
Check will be mailed to the parish office, Attention: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Parish Gabriel Project  
Check will be mailed to the parish office, Attention: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Diocese of Austin Beginning of Life Apostolates  
*You can specify which apostolates but are not required.*
      - Parish Gabriel Projects, Project Rachel, Pro-Life Help Line & Sidewalk Ministry
      - Gabriel Project Life Center in Austin
      - Good Samaritan Gabriel Project Life Center in Bryan
    - Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown
    - John Paul II Life Center in Austin
    - Marywood, a program of Catholic Charities of Central Texas
    - Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple

**Submit this form and check for 100% of funds raised to:**

Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living Diocese of Austin 6225 Highway 290 East Austin, TX 78723	<b>Make check payable to :</b> Diocese of Austin Memo: Baby Banks
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