

STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

1. Meet with your Pastor, Family Life Director, etc. to explain the Pro-life Baby Shower Program to get them on-board with the program.
2. Work with your parish facilities planner to select a weekend for the Baby Shower. Weekends in May centering around Mother' Day , Weekends in October during Respect Life Month or weekends in January centering around the March for Life in Washington, DC are all potential times.
3. Six weeks before the Baby Shower, select a local organization, group or persons to receive the donations of funds and articles collected at the Baby Shower. You can use multiple organizations, groups or persons – it's up to your council or assembly. Find out what types of items each group chosen is in need of.
4. Four weeks and three weeks before the Baby Shower, put an announcement in your Parish bulletin briefly outlining the upcoming Baby Shower.
5. Two weeks before the shower, place a full page announcement in your Parish Bulletin giving more details about the Knights of Columbus' Pro-life position, details about the recipients, items you would like parishioners to bring, when you will hold the Baby Shower (after each weekend Mass, Saturday evening, etc)
6. Two weeks before the shower, arrange for cake, refreshments, decorations, etc. Talk to local stores about donations of these items.
7. One week before the shower, repeat the full page bulletin announcement. Arrange for Brother Knights to be on hand after all weekend Masses to with an information table, to answer questions about items needed, the recipients of items received, hand out flyers, etc.
8. On the shower weekend, have Brother Knights decorate, serve the refreshments, collect donated items, etc. Arrange for donations to be delivered to the chosen recipients.
9. One week and two weeks after the shower, place thank you notices on your Parish bulletin, outlining the items and cash donated.

Other techniques to be considered

- Hand out preaddressed envelopes to parishioners who can't attend the Baby Shower or prefer to donate by mail.
- Two weeks before the shower, hand out decorate plastic baby bottles for parishioners to fill with money ("pennies for babies"), with instructions for them to be returned on the Baby Shower weekend.
- Invite representatives of the organizations your council or assembly has chosen to attend the Baby Shower and be present at the information table the week prior to the Baby Shower.
- Involve the families of Brother Knights, i.e. wives, children, relatives, in information tables, decorations, serving, etc.
- If your council of assembly has a Women's Auxiliary, invite them to participate in the process
- Work jointly with another local council or assembly in sharing space to hold the Baby Shower, if either does not has space or is not affiliated with a local parish
- Work with the local organization(s) you have chosen to determine the best time of the year to have the Baby Shower – try for months when their donations are low

SUGGESTED BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FOUR WEEKS AND THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE BABY SHOWER

St. Edward's Knights of Columbus Council 6546 will be sponsoring a Baby Shower after all Masses the weekend of May 19-20. Food, clothing, equipment and cash donations will be collected to benefit the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Metro Richmond. Make plans to join us for cake and punch after each Mass.



St. Edward's Knights of Columbus Council 6546 invites all parishioners to a Pro-Life Baby Shower to be held in the Parish Center after each Mass on the weekend of May 19th and 20th.

We will be collecting diapers, formula, toys, clothing, gift certificates, cash. All proceeds will benefit the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Metro Richmond.

Plan on joining your friends and parish family for cake and punch.

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