

Saint Saviour's Healthy Baby Program



Ideas for setting up a diaper collection program in your church:

- 1. Church Women.** Many churches have an active church women's organization that is very capable of running such a program. You could ask your church organizational women's group to take on this ministry of collection of diapers. They might decide to divide it into chapters, prayer groups or ministries and each month that chapter, group or ministry can collect diapers from its members and then deliver to Saint Saviour's Center for distribution on a regular basis. Women are usually the ones most familiar with buying diapers and more likely to accept this challenge and need easily. If your church has a Mothers Morning Out program that might be a great group to take this on as those parents are buying diapers regularly already and see the need and challenge less fortunate families face in providing good, clean diapers continuously for their children. A Mothers Morning Out program may have each grade class provide diapers for that month with infant class taking one month, one year old class another month, and so on. We realize this would just run during school months but think it would run well during those months.
- 2. Youth Groups.** Most churches have junior and/or senior youth groups that meet outside regular church hours to further and grow in their beliefs. Most do volunteer work to help others in our community less fortunate than themselves. Most, if not all, are required to perform community service to graduate from high school. This would be a great project for those youth groups to take on and have stands asking for donations at grocery stores or other fundraisers to buy diapers. The youth could just be the ones to ask the parish for donations through posters, emails or other means. Youth are often creative with ideas for collection. Their energy and ideas could really help grow this program on a monthly basis. Each month they could deliver the diapers to Saint Saviour's Center during their regular meeting time.
- 3. Congregational Outreach.** A church could collect diapers at a one-time event like a service day, annual meeting or special program. You could make this an annual event in your parish. Some churches adopt a cause each month and ask their parish to donate to that need. Your church could adopt Saint Saviour's Healthy Baby program for a particular month and ask for everyone in congregation to bring diapers to services that month. Summer months might be a good month for this type of collection as women, preschool and youth groups often follow a regular school calendar and summer may be a low donation time for this ministry.
- 4. Sunday School Classes.** Many churches have regular Sunday School classes for youth and adults. Each age class could adopt a month and could easily cover the whole year, with each class or two taking a month to collect and deliver diapers to Saint Saviour's Center.

Any option of collecting diapers for this ministry is, of course, acceptable as long as it is voluntary and works for your parish. These are just some ideas are to help churches get started. We welcome and encourage any ideas for organizing and collecting diapers to be shared with our Board and fellow congregations.



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