

## Grace Food Pantry Project

NORTH + AMERICA

Ideas for Coordinators

## Get the word out to raise funds for the bulk diaper purchase AND for item collection!

- Ask your parish priest to publish the notice in your church bulletin
- Ask your parish priest to mention the drive during announcements
- Post the notice and link on your parish website
- Share the notice and link on social media (e.g. Facebook, Nextdoor)
- Ask a friend in a different parish to arrange for it to go into their bulletin
- Tell your friends! Then tell them again!!

## Organize item collection in your parish!

- Arrange to have people shop and drop off items at your church; then, collect the items and bring them to Grace Food Pantry on May 22
  - Be sure to coordinate with your priest and parish secretary if you plan to store items at the church
  - Let parishioners know the dates/times/ location for item drop off
  - Load up your car, minivan or SUV and bring the items to Grace on May 22
  - If it won't all fit into your car, recruit some friends!
- Create an Amazon WishList, share it with your friends, and have them send the items to you to bring to Grace on May 22

- Create a Google doc or Sign-Up Genius and have parishioners shop for different items to bring to Grace on May 22
- Offer to drive to parishioners' homes to pick up items to bring to Grace on May 22
- Challenge families or parish organizations to compete in donating different items each week (Wipes on April 11, baby shampoo on April 18, diaper rash cream on April 25)
  - Offer Pascha basket prizes for each Sunday's top donors
- Hold a Palm Sunday drive (to commemorate the children waving palms) or a Holy Saturday drive (to commemorate the 3 Holy Youths) -- with the blessing of your parish priest, of course!

## Organize fundraising in your parish or social network!

- Challenge your friends to help match your online donation
  - Host a virtual coffee hour or virtual game night to raise "dollars for diapers"
  - Raise funds to purchase wipes to bring to Grace on May 22
  - Host a car wash/car trunk vacuum/car windshield washing event to raise \$\$ to buy wipes or for the "price" of 200+ baby wipes ("wipe your windshield for wipes?")
  - Help teens organize a "spring cleaning" or yard work team to raise \$\$

- Use fabric paint to decorate washable masks with Paschal greetings and sell them at church to raise \$\$
- NOTE: If you plan to hold a fundraising project that will collect cash for this project, be sure to coordinate with your parish treasurer as well as your priest regarding handling the donations of cash or of checks made out to your parish with FOCUS in the memo line so that the parish can prepare and send a check payable to FOCUS North America for the total amount raised