



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI  
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Dear *School Representative*,**

Thank you for partnering with the Archdiocese of Miami Respect Life Ministry to promote a culture of life and to support our Pregnancy Help Centers in serving pregnant and new moms! The Archdiocesan-wide Baby Bottle Campaign will run October 15 through November 15, 2021.

The *Gospel of Life* is for everyone – from the very youngest to the very oldest – and this is a wonderful way to get everyone involved and educated on the sanctity and dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. With that in mind, we are suggesting that to kick off your Baby Bottle Campaign, teachers include an age-appropriate introductory lesson at each grade level, that includes Catholic teaching regarding life.

In this packet you will find everything you need for your school to participate in this Respect Life initiative, including:

- Instructions for you as a *School Representative*
- St. Joseph Respect Life Poster for you to place in a prominent place within your school
- Materials to distribute to each class including:
  - Instructions for teachers
  - Letter for Parent/ Guardians
  - Infographics
  - Flyers
  - Prayer cards
  - Baby Bottles for each student to bring home!

We look forward to working with you to spread the gospel of life in your school and we thank you for your efforts in supporting this most important ministry!

For Life,

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Director, Respect Life Ministry

Angela Curatalo  
Assistant Director, Respect Life Ministry

**PS- Visit [respectlifemiami.org/schools](https://respectlifemiami.org/schools) to access your digital materials at any time.**



## **Baby Bottle Drive Instructions for the School Representative**

- **Receive Bottles & Materials** - Baby bottles and prayer cards are being provided for **every student in the school** to take home. Bottles may be filled with loose change, cash, and checks made payable to Respect Life Ministry.
- **Distribute** bottles and prayer cards to each classroom teacher to hand to every student at the start of the campaign. Provide teachers with the infographics and talking points for their grade level.
- **Ask** teachers to encourage competition within your school by having them announce that **class grade levels will compete for a reward.**
- Work with your principal and teachers to decide upon prizes for your school-wide competition. (*Suggestions include an ice cream or pizza party at the elementary level and an additional dress-down day at the middle and high school levels*). Share with us what you decide-- we would love to hear your plans!
- **Get teachers and students excited** by announcing the **incentives for the Archdiocesan-wide contest for the school that raises the most money!**

### **Elementary Schools**

**\$2,500 First Prize, \$1,500 Second Prize, \$750 Third Prize**

### **High Schools**

**\$2,500 First Prize and \$1,000 Second Prize**

- **Display** the St. Joseph Respect Life poster in a prominent area of the school. You can also print our flyers to display!
- **Encourage** teachers and principals to pray the prayer to St. Joseph **as a class and as a school** throughout your campaign! Ask teachers to send home the prayer card with the **bottle for families to pray together!**
- **Facilitate the collection of bottles** –Let teachers know that they should gather all bottles **no later than November 15. Students wishing to fill their bottle again during the campaign may do so to bump up the competition!**
- **Wrap it up** – Instruct homeroom teachers to box or bag the filled bottles for their class (plus any money that may have been dumped into another container) and **clearly mark** their boxes and bags **with the following information:** School, Teacher's Name & Grade, Box 1 of X, Box 2 of X, etc. We will count the money per class and report to you for your class winners! **Work with your principal to securely store the filled bottles.**
- **Gather** your team - contact the nearest Respect Life Pregnancy Help Center to arrange to deliver the filled bottles and take a tour! Bottles will also be accepted by appointment at the Madonna Center in West Park. Please contact [acurtalo@theadom.org](mailto:acurtalo@theadom.org) for this option.
- **Questions?** Contact Angela Curatalo at [acuratalo@theadom.org](mailto:acuratalo@theadom.org).



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**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Your child's school is partnering with the Archdiocese of Miami Respect Life Ministry to promote a culture of love and life! **From October 15 – November 15, 2021, students will be participating in a baby bottle campaign** to assist some of the most vulnerable among us – pregnant moms, new moms, and their babies!

The *Gospel of Life* is for everyone – from the very youngest to the very oldest – and this a wonderful way to get everyone involved and educated on the sanctity and dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. Your child's teacher will be working with students to promote a culture of life at an age-appropriate level, to understand that all life is sacred and there are things that THEY can do to help!

The Archdiocese of Miami is unique in that it has five pregnancy help centers that offer pregnant and new moms and dads love and support, with free, non-judgmental, confidential services. At each of our pregnancy help centers we provide pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, parenting classes for both moms and dads, emergency material assistance, and post-abortion healing. The funds raised during the baby bottle campaign will support these programs and services.

Your child has been given a baby bottle bank to take home and fill with loose change, cash, and checks made payable to Respect Life Ministry. Within your child's school, classes will be competing for rewards. This is an Archdiocesan-wide event, and there will also be incentives for the school that raises the most money! When your child's bottle is filled, they should return it to their homeroom teacher, no later than November 15. Students wishing to fill their bottle again during the campaign may do so to bump up the competition. A QR code flyer has also been provided for online donations.

Pope Francis has declared this the "Year of St. Joseph." St. Joseph is such a wonderful example of love, life, and fatherhood! Students will be receiving a special St. Joseph prayer card to take home and share and pray with friends and family.

We look forward to working with you and your family to spread the gospel of life and we thank you for your efforts in supporting this most important ministry!

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## **Baby Bottle Drive Instructions for Homeroom Teachers**

- **Receive** bottles and materials from your *School Representative*.
- **Distribute** bottles, QR code flyer, parent letter & prayer card to each student at the start of the campaign.
- **Instruct each student** to take home their bottle and fill with loose change, cash, and checks made payable to Respect Life Ministry. (*Please ask students and parents to not write on the bottles*).
- **Announce that your class/grade level will compete for a reward.** (Discuss internal competition prizes with your *School Representative*-- suggestions include an ice cream or pizza party at the elementary level and an additional dress-down day at the middle and high school levels.)
- **Display** the age-appropriate infographics provided for students to see.
- **Educate** students on the dignity and sanctity of **ALL** human life using the curricular material provided.
- **Pray** the prayer to St. Joseph daily as a class throughout your campaign!
- **Get excited with your students for the Archdiocesan competition**— there are incentives for the school that raises the most money!

### **Elementary Schools**

**\$2,500 First Prize, \$1,500 Second Prize, \$750 Third Prize**

### **High Schools**

**\$2,500 First Prize and \$1,000 Second Prize**

- **Collect Bottles** - When their bottles are filled, students should return them to the homeroom teacher, **no later than November 15. Students wishing to fill their bottle again during the campaign may do so to bump up the competition!** (*You could have them pour it into a container*).
- **Wrap It Up** - Homeroom teachers should box or bag the filled bottles for their class (plus any money that may have been dumped into another container) and **clearly mark** their boxes and bags **with the following information: School, Teacher's Name & Grade, Box 1 of X, Box 2 of X, etc.** We will count the money per class and report the totals to your *School Representative* for the class winners! (*Boxes and bags should not be too heavy for transport*).
- **Work together** with your *School Representative* to transport the bottles to the nearest Respect Life Ministry Pregnancy Help Center – and take a tour!
- **Questions?** Please contact your *School Representative*.