

**BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
1ST ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER**

PURPOSE: A PRO-LIFE CLOTHING & SUPPLY DRIVE TO BENEFIT
MOTHERS-TO-BE WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE CHOOSE ABORTION
AND TO ALSO BENEFIT THE UNBORN WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE
BE GIVEN THE "RIGHT TO LIFE".

WHEN: THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2009.

WHERE: AT YOUR COUNCIL'S HOME PARISH (ES)

HOW TO CONDUCT:

1. Obtain permission from your Pastor to set up a baby bed or play pen in the entrance or Foyer of your church.
2. Find a baby bed or play pen to use. Most councils will have a member who has a used bed in nice condition no longer in use or a Pack-&-Play.
3. Beginning Saturday, December 27, 2008 and continuing all throughout January 2009, ask your parish priest to announce, or get permission for one of your council members to announce to the congregation that you are conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower with the proceeds to be given to the Pro-Life organization of your choice. Also try to get an announcement into the weekly bulletin. Ask parishioners to donate new or gently used baby or maternity clothing, baby and pregnancy supplies, diapers, bottles, formula, etc.; be sure to have a place for monetary donations. Be sure to "seed" the baby bed with some nice articles of clothing and supplies as this always helps! Make a nice sign to put up, so people who miss the announcements will know what the bed is for.
4. At the end of January, take all the items and donate them to the Pro-Life centre(s) of your choice. You can ask what their needs are in advance. A sample list for a layette is included with this notification as a guide; it was supplied by the Victoria Birthright Office
5. Document the items donated along with a fair market value of the items (retail may be used for the new items only).
6. Complete and file the Pro-Life Report Form with the State Community and Life Issues Director, Kevin Kirkwood ***no later than April 1, 2009.***
7. Please conduct this activity in addition to your regular Pro-Life fundraisers held during this fraternal year. We would like to see 100% of the councils across British Columbia and Yukon participate in this activity.

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Sample layette

1 Laundry basket/bassinette (laundry basket preferred since it holds more items)
1 diaper or bottle bag (few people donate diaper bags but these are a staple; it is best if they have a change pad included)
About a dozen disposable diapers
1 board book
1 soft baby toy or rattle (no hard or removable parts like plastic eyes)
6 smallest size sleepers + 2-3 of the larger sizes as well
6 under shirts or diaper shirts in 3 or 6-month sizes
A selection of new or gently used baby outfits (rompers for summer/ warmer items for winter)
1 baby towel + 2-4 baby wash cloths
2-3 receiving blankets
Snowsuit for a winter baby
A larger jacket or snowsuit for a summer baby
A couple of hats (winter or summer weight depending on the season)
2-4 pairs of socks
1 new baby quilt
1 afghan if available
Diaper wipes, toiletries, feeding supplies, snugglies as available
1-2 knitted baby sweater outfits
crib sheet as available - new or gently used
1-2 pair booties
3-4 bibs

It has been suggested that furniture items not be accepted since there are codes that govern these and that render older models illegal which then raises liability issues.

The foregoing was provided by the Victoria Birthright Society and is based on Birthright International's model. Outlets in your community may use different models. Further, the local outlet may simply wish to receive the donated items, inspect them, and assemble layettes on their premises; so it remains an important point to touch base with them and coordinate efforts to achieve the best results.