

First Step for Change

Implementation Instructions



*Here's how to coordinate First Step for Change
in your parish:*

1. Prepare a place in the church or parish center for *First Step for Change*. Participating persons and families will pick up empty baby bottles to take home and return on the designated weekend. Be creative! Display the bottles in a bassinette, crib, stroller, playpen, decorated box or basket the weekend of June 6-7, 2009.
2. With your pastor's permission, use the bulletin/pulpit announcements for each weekend in the *First Step for Change* campaign. ***This information will be provided in a packet mailed with your parish's project supplies.***
3. If your parish has announcements from the pulpit, don't forget to remind your pastor or parish secretary to include information about *First Step for Change* each weekend.
4. Participating persons and families are asked to return their filled baby bottles the weekend of June 27-28, 2009. Be sure to store the bottles in a safe place.
5. Please deliver your bottles and funds collected to the Catholic Charities location nearest you by Friday, July 19, 2009*. ***A list of sites will be included with your parish's project supplies.*** If you need to make arrangements to have your bottles picked-up at your parish, or for more information, contact the Catholic Charities Office of Social Services at 330-744-8451, ext. 322 or the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Ministry at 330-744-8451, ext. 289.

**If convenient, your parish may write one check for the total amount collected.
Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.**

****It is important that participants return their baby bottles as well as their money. The more bottles that are returned, the less we have to order next year.***

THANK YOU !