

Dear Parents,

St. Paul of the Cross Parish is participating in the Baby Bottle Project on behalf of The Women's Centers of Chicago during Respect Life Month. The Women's Centers help women in crisis pregnancies.

For many women, pregnancy is a time of joy. For others, this can be a time of distress and loneliness. They have little or no support and they don't know how they will be able to care for their babies. They don't know what to do or where to turn.

The Women's Centers offer these mothers compassion and guidance, directing them to the appropriate social service agencies for housing, financial support and medical care. If they choose to place their baby up for adoption, they are helped through that process. If they choose to keep their babies, they are provided with material assistance through the first five years of their child's life. That assistance includes diapers, formula, clothing and baby equipment. **Everything offered to these women is free of charge.**

In order to provide all of these valuable services, The Women's Centers need you. Please consider placing your baby bottle in a visible and prominent area of your home. Explain to your child that many babies need help to receive the basic necessities that we take for granted. Let your child know that their donation of spare change makes a difference and provides the help needed to welcome a baby into our world. You may want to say a prayer with your child each day, thanking God for the miraculous gift of new life and asking Him to help us uphold the dignity of every human being.

If you would prefer to write a check, please feel free to do so. You can also donate online by going to <https://gotwc.org/donate>. Click on "**Donate Baby Bottles**" and then select "**St. Paul of the Cross-Park Ridge**" as your designation.

Your spare change can save the life of a baby. Thank you for your generosity!

BABY BOTTLES DUE: Wednesday, November 5th