



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Diocesan Council of San Bernardino-Riverside
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Easter Food DRIVE or Scavenger Hunt

Objective: To offer youth a chance to serve those less fortunate by providing an Easter Meal to a family in need.

Goals:

1. Offer our Youth a Service Project that initiates the call to reach out to the poor and smallest in our Society: The Children and to provide a family with an Easter Meal.
2. To assist the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Parish Food Pantries by providing a nutritious meal for children in their service area
3. To bring awareness to our youth regarding Childhood Poverty and the need for solutions and advocacy on behalf of the children who are less fortunate in our Society

The Project:

The Easter Food DRIVE or Scavenger Hunt is a chance for your youth group or school to share in a great day OR week of fun and fellowship, while reaching out to the community for items to make an Easter Meal Basket for a family who cannot afford a special meal this Holy Season.

These baskets (boxes or bags) will be distributed to families in need from your nearest St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Classes can organize a Food Drive competition to see how many meal baskets they can complete!



On your mark, get set, GO!

Implementing the Project as a SCAVENGER HUNT

Items Needed:

- Youth Group divided into teams
- Adult Driver for each team (following Diocesan Driver Guidelines)
- Map of community neighborhoods for scavenger hunt (give each team a neighborhood)
- A box (file size) or large paper grocery bag for each team
- List of items to collect for each team's Easter Food Basket (Box or Bag)
- Youth Group Label for each meal basket (Made with Love from the Youth Group of (parish name))

Suggestions for making this fun:

- This is a Scavenger Hunt: the Objective is to be the first team back with a full meal box/bag
- Award the first team back with a completed food box/bag with a prize or recognition
- Have teams decorate their Box or Bag in the Easter Theme
- Have each team write their own Easter Meal Prayer and include it in their box/bag
- If residents don't have a food item on their list – see if they would donate \$1.00 towards purchasing the items needed – teams can stop at the grocery store to complete their meal
- Celebrate after with a Youth Group Meal of your own!

SAFETY FIRST:

1. Use the guidelines given from the Diocese of San Bernardino Office of Youth Ministry when choosing drivers for this event
2. Keep adult supervision at all times
3. Teams must travel together as one group
4. No youth should enter any home
5. Follow all safety issues and guidelines given for Youth Ministry Events
6. Keep your Pastor informed about this project

How to Distribute the Food Baskets (Boxes or Bags):

- Contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at volunteers@svdpsanbernardino.org or call **1-888-681-2282** to partner you with the nearest SVdP Food Pantry or SVdP Food Distribution Program
- We will make arrangements for you to deliver the meals or for the Pantry Workers to pick them up from you
- If your Youth Group would like to help in the distribution of food at a pantry – please let us know and we'd be happy to help make those arrangements.

Completion of Project:

After your group has participated and completed this service project – we'd like to know how it went.

Email us with your story: volunteers@svdpsanbernardino.org

Thank you for taking the time to allow us to be collaborators with you in teaching the youth of our Diocese how to be of service to those least among us.

“Let us go to the poor” – Founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam

In His Service,

W. Garaghty

**Wendy Garaghty
Council President**

COPY AND GIVE TO EACH GROUP



EASTER FOOD DRIVE:

- ❑ 4 cans vegetables
- ❑ 1 box of instant potatoes
- ❑ 1 Canned Ham
- ❑ 1 bag of rice or beans
- ❑ 1 jar of gravy sauce
- ❑ 1 box dry milk
- ❑ 2 cans black olives
- ❑ 1 Dozen Eggs
- ❑ 1 can mixed nuts
- ❑ 1 box muffin mix (add water only)
- ❑ 1 pre-baked cake (non perishable)
- ❑ 1 bag of Easter candy
- ❑ 2 can of fruit cocktail (mixed fruit)
- ❑ An Easter Table Decoration
- ❑ 1 package Easter napkins

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You may add your own food item ideas as well

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