

# SERVICE COMMISSION REPORT

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During this season of Lent and beyond, we are reminded of the three pillars of Lent: Almsgiving, Prayer and Fasting. Two of those three pillars — almsgiving and prayer — tie into our newest project: Walking with Moms in Need.

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops selected this project to be of utmost importance in our parishes and communities. Archbishop Naumann asked the bishops in November 2019 to invite their parishes to join a nationwide effort from March 25, 2020, to March 25, 2021 entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service."

While the date may be beyond March 25, 2021, this service project has a great need throughout the US as well as in the Diocese of Madison.

## **What ways can you help in this project?**

1. Support pregnant mothers in your parish or community and share the Gospel of Life — Baby Shower, Baby Day, Diaper Collections, etc.
2. Pray!
3. Donate to area homeless shelters or to mothers in need, the Women's Care Center in Madison, or women in need in your community and surrounding areas.

For further information, visit the website: [www.usccb.org/prolife/walking-moms-need\\_OR\\_walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/walking-moms-need_OR_walkingwithmoms.com).

## **Other Service Projects.**

- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle — Plastic bags, plastic bottles vs. cans.
- Pick up Garbage . Adopt a Highway.
- Hold a Baby Jesus Shower.
- Organize a Back-to-School Backpack project
- Participate in Boxes of Joy, which will continue as service project for 2021

*O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.*

*Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.*

*Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.*

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