

Dear Pastors,

Thank you for joining in the Emergency Food Drive requested by Archbishop Rozanski in his October 23 letter. Your response and compassion are a blessing to so many families throughout our Archdiocese who are struggling right now. The following food items are most needed:

- Canned chicken or tuna
- Peanut butter
- Canned chili, soup, or stew
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Macaroni and cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Knorr packaged sides
- Rice
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Canned beans
- Applesauce
- Cereal
- Granola bars
- Oatmeal
- Cooking oil
- Powdered milk or shelf-stable milk
- Baby formula
- Baby food
- Some pantries also purchase perishable goods like milk and eggs, so grocery store gift cards are especially helpful.

If your parish operates a food pantry, please keep what you need from the food drive to serve your neighbors through this crisis. **If you collect more than you need**, we ask that you share the excess with another food pantry nearby.

If your parish does not have a pantry, please drop off your collected items at a food pantry of your choice.

We'll be sending out a list of food pantries within our Archdiocese in the coming days to help with coordination.

Thank you again for your faithful leadership and care for those in need. Together, we are living the Gospel by feeding the hungry and offering hope where it's needed most.

With gratitude,

Marie Kenyon, Director, Office of Peace & Justice