



Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) State Convention Pass the Hat Incentive

All council and assembly representatives and guests attending the 123rd Michigan State Council Convention are encouraged to bring donations that will go to support the ASAP program in a unique way.

We will be collecting donations throughout the convention in the following manner:

- A station near the Convention Raffle ticket table where you may drop off your donation or donate via credit card
- Wednesday and Friday Mass collections will be for the Pass the Hat (PtH) Initiative
- Envelopes on the tables at the convention banquet, collected during the night

Councils should promote this initiative at council meetings and bring a check to the convention. The Supreme Council is holding an **incentive program** for all state councils to hold a Pass the Hat (PtH) drive at their respective conventions. The state with the most money raised for the PtH drive will:

- ◆ Have a 2% reduction of their original Circle of Honor goal
- ◆ Receive \$1,500 for jurisdiction general funds
- ◆ ***Three top councils will receive special incentives (more to come).***

Supreme will match 20% of the funds raised at any state convention to a maximum of \$10,000 for \$50,000 raised. Matching funds will be made payable to pregnancy resource centers and/or maternity homes (in every diocese) selected by the state council.

Michigan is currently #1 in the order for applications submitted for the ASAP program with donations totaling over \$208,000. Let's keep Michigan #1 in the order through this incentive: on your checklist for the State Convention, include your council's or assembly's ASAP Pass the Hat donation.

Councils not attending are still encouraged to send a donation either through your district deputy or SDRR. **Make checks payable to the Michigan State Council with ASAP on the memo line.**

****Councils making donations at the state convention can claim ASAP participation on the SP7 award form. However, PtH contributions are not eligible for ASAP grant applications.**