

## Iași Archdiocese engaging 10,000 students to collect food for large families



Pro Vita Iași, pro life department of Iași Archdiocese, is running a large-scale food drive for two weeks this month to benefit large families this winter season.

The program, “Joy in the Family-Pizza for Good Deeds” runs from December 2 to 17 and aims to mobilize 10,000 students from 55 educational institutions in Moldova to collect more than 20 tons of non-perishable food for families with 7 or more children in Iași, Botoșani, and Neamț.

This is the fourth year of the program. The beneficiaries are 147 large families with a total of 1,497 dependent children and adolescents who are enrolled in the St. Stelian Program of Solidarity for Families with Many Children, which Pro Vita Iași launched in 2013.

The campaign is conceived of as a contest of good deeds, according to the Pro Vita press release. The classes that collect the most food will be awarded with pizza.

The food collected will be donated to the beneficiaries on the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The campaign has increased from 420 students involved at Pascha 2017, to 1,200

in December 2017, and then 7,000 in December 2018.

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