

## Information about Thanksgiving Food Baskets

**Thank you** for your interest in providing a Thanksgiving Food Basket! This annual campus-wide event brings together all members of the Saint Anselm College community – students, staff, faculty, administration, and the monastic community – to share generously with our neighbors in need. It was introduced in 2002 by Sr. Pauline Lucier, CSC; a Campus Minister here at Saint Anselm, and overseen by her until her untimely death due to cancer in May 2009. With gratitude for her example of faith in



action, the Office of Campus Ministry continues to sponsor this event which embodies the Mission of Saint Anselm College so vividly.

Below is some basic information about the baskets, their collection and distribution.

- Each basket should provide a Thanksgiving meal for 5 to 8 people. Suggested items:
  - 1 basket (many provide a laundry basket, which is especially practical)
  - 1 Turkey (gift card for turkeys are accepted, but frozen turkeys are preferred by agency)
  - Stuffing
  - Potato
  - Fresh and/or Canned Vegetables
  - Cranberry Sauce and/or side
  - Gravy
  - Desserts/mixes

In past years, many donors have been exceedingly creative, generous, and thoughtful with the baskets they donated. Among past gifts you may want to consider providing as you prepare your own baskets:

- A greeting card signed by you and/or your group
- Tablecloths
- Cloth napkins
- Balloons
- Centerpieces/decorations
- Serving utensils (including carving knives: but please package them safely)
- Gift cards

**Feel free to add your own unique items!**

- Please do not include any items with alcohol or ice cream in your basket.

- **Baskets must be delivered to the Abbey Church starting at 8:30am on Monday, November 25.** Please drop off baskets at the front doors of the Abbey Church. There will be volunteers available to assist you carrying them in.
- All are welcome and invited to the annual Blessing Ritual will take place Monday, November 25. One does not need to donate a basket to attend. It will take no longer than a half hour. It is not a mass.
- After the Blessing Ritual, help is needed to load, transport, and offload the baskets to Catholic Charities. If you have a truck or other large vehicle that can transport many baskets at once, your help with transporting the baskets would be greatly appreciated. Please let us in Campus Ministry know if you are able to help, and what size vehicle you may have. Also, if you or your groups are able to assist with offloading baskets downtown, let us know.
- All baskets are donated to and distributed by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Manchester, N.H. Among those who receive baskets are refugees, the poor, and participants in Merrimack Valley AIDS Project. Catholic Charities handles all requests for baskets. If you know of a family in need, you may contact Mary Ann at Catholic Charities: 624-4717 ext.12.
- If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the Office of Campus Ministry:
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***‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one  
of these least brothers of mine,  
you did for me.’  
--Matthew 25:40***