

Improving Student Learning for Catholic Schools

Chapter Three – Quality of the School Program

A. Assessment of the School's Catholic Identity

The goal of St. Rose of Lima School is to provide authentic Catholic teaching by keeping religion as the focal point in the entire curriculum. St. Rose of Lima School's curriculum is based on fulfilling its mission statement and philosophy. There is a strong collaborative parish and school involvement in faith. All the religion teachers at St. Rose of Lima are required to stay current with catechist certification. Teachers use the diocesan religion curriculum course content guidelines, along with the scope and sequence of grade level religion texts.

The students are afforded a number of opportunities for community worship and participation through the sacraments. Students in each grade one through eight are assigned a day each week to attend the 8:00 a.m. parish Mass. In addition, the entire student body attends Mass in which students take part in planning liturgical celebrations, scripture readings, music, and altar serving. Students also take part in celebrating other Catholic prayer services/liturgies, such as Living Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, All Saints Mass, Christmas Eve Family Mass, All-School Sunday Family Mass (held monthly), and Blessing of the Animals. Second graders are prepared for and receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Students strengthen their faith formation by continuing the practice of their sacraments in receiving Reconciliation twice a year and the Eucharist at every Mass.

The teachers at St. Rose of Lima are committed to the promotion of evangelization and service to the community. A parent-directed Christian Action Program provides each class with the opportunities to reach out to the community in different ways. Starting in kindergarten, students bag rice and beans monthly to give to parishioners in need. First grade participates in monthly visitations to the residents of the Nazareth House, a retirement community. They spend quality friendship time and bring crafts to the residents. Second grade participates in making prayer quilts for the sick. The third graders help weekly to bag rice and beans and help organize the inventory at the Parish Social Outreach Center. The fourth grade class visits Fredericka Manor Care Center monthly where they sing songs, make crafts, and visit with the elderly. Fifth graders visit Precious Blood Parish twice a month, where they help feed the community's homeless. Sixth graders visit Collingwood Retirement Community to sing songs, bring snacks, and distribute clothing to the residents. Seventh graders organize and sort the

Mass misalettes in the church. Eighth graders help reach out to military families in need. At certain times during the year The Associate Student Council (ASC), in conjunction with the Parish Outreach Program lead the student body in toy and food drives that benefit the community. Monthly, the ASC sponsors a “dollar jean day”, with the proceeds going to benefit various charitable organizations. Each class and participating family members plan and prepare the liturgy for a monthly Parish Sunday All-School Family Mass. In addition, the Christian Action Committee facilitates visits for grades five and six to the Parish Chapel of Adoration on Fridays. Each classroom, during the seasons of Advent and Lent, participate in parent-directed mornings of prayer, assisted by the clergy of the parish (priests, deacons, and women religious).

Each student at St. Rose of Lima is expected to develop a strong Catholic faith formation of conscience and character. The faculty has formed specific guidelines through the Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs) at each grade level. The expectations are measured upon graduation when each student provides evidence of having fulfilled those expectations , through a formal portfolio presentation. This final assessment is given to a panel of parents, teachers, staff members, and community volunteers to ensure that the students have met those goals. All students are required to know and understand the SLEs :

A St. Rose of Lima student is a:

- knowledgeable, prayerful, spirit-filled Catholic
- confident, competent, life-long learner
- articulate, effective, poised communicator
- responsible, loyal, active community member
- accepting, responding, globally aware steward, who then becomes a grateful, hopeful, peace-loving citizen

The Parish Community is a vital resource for the students. Several groups support student effort and achievement. The Serra Club promotes vocations through an essay contest. The Italian Catholic Federation employs student participation at the annual Saint Joseph’s Table.

Students are encouraged to establish a personal prayer life both in the classroom and in their home life. The school is committed to reaching all of these components to ensure that a Catholic based foundation is provided for each student.

St. Rose has improved the faith and spiritual formation of the students, staff, and parents by meeting annually to discuss what is successful and what needs improvement. Staff and faculty meet frequently to evaluate the effectiveness of the SLEs. Means of measuring achievement toward mastery of the SLEs have been reviewed by each teacher at their grade level and the administration to ensure that students can identify each SLE. Teachers identify which SLEs are

being addressed through their daily lesson planning in each subject. The Christian Action parent leaders meet to plan and discuss the effectiveness of the school's service projects. The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) and the School Advisory Council work closely with the administration and staff to evaluate/assess the need for improvements in the faith and spiritual formation of the students. The school boards serve as liaisons between parents and staff. The pastor is committed to working closely with the administration to evaluate this progress.

Since the last WASC evaluation the St. Rose of Lima community has come together to build a new religious educational facility. This new building, the DeFlores Center, serves to support Catholic faith by uniting school community and the parish community.

The mission and philosophy statements continue to serve as the basis for teaching the faith and spiritual formation of the students. The motto of the De Flores Center is "To Know Christ and Make Him Known."

Religion teachers have current catechist certification. In addition, teachers and staff attend religious workshops and conferences throughout the school year. Teachers and staff participate in weekly prayer services, days of reflection, and serve as role models for student faith formation.

The religion texts used in the classrooms have been updated for the 2010/2011 school year, ensuring continuity of the religion curriculum throughout the grades. Teachers meet to articulate curriculum learning expectations and goals. The religion text is supplemented with other religious educational resources and publications.

The goal is to use the fundamental tenets of the Catholic faith as the basis for the Catholic Identity of the school. All of the changes and improvements that have been implemented ensure that these goals are met.

A good number of significant accomplishments have been achieved in the area of Catholic Identity that have a positive impact in student learning and faith formation. Some of these include:

- A strong staff and faculty who stays current in the areas of religion curriculum and faith development
- Parents have many opportunities to serve as leaders and role models for their children through various school-sponsored program, giving evidence to the concept of parents as primary educators
- A multitude of programs and projects available to students that help develop their faith formation

- **A new state-of-the-art building, utilized by all parish members, with its motto, “To Know Christ and Make Him Known”**

In evaluating the Catholic identity of St. Rose of Lima School, several goals became evident:

- **Our Catholic Identity will need to continually adapt and grow with time, as we explore ways for a stronger partnership between parents and school regarding faith formation in the areas of Mass attendance, involvement with the Christian Action Program, and reception of the Sacraments**
- **We need to develop a formal rubric assessment to measure the achievement in the area of Catholic Identity in all grade levels**



St. Rose of Lima's Annual Father-Daughter Event



Sunday, February 27, 2011

2:00 pm to 5:30 pm

"Minute-2-Win It"

Only \$20 per couple and \$5 for each additional child
(Attending St. Rose)

Register now but only - if you have a
"Minute-2-Win It!"



Please send in your registration no later than February 11, 2011

Family Name: _____

Oldest Student/Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

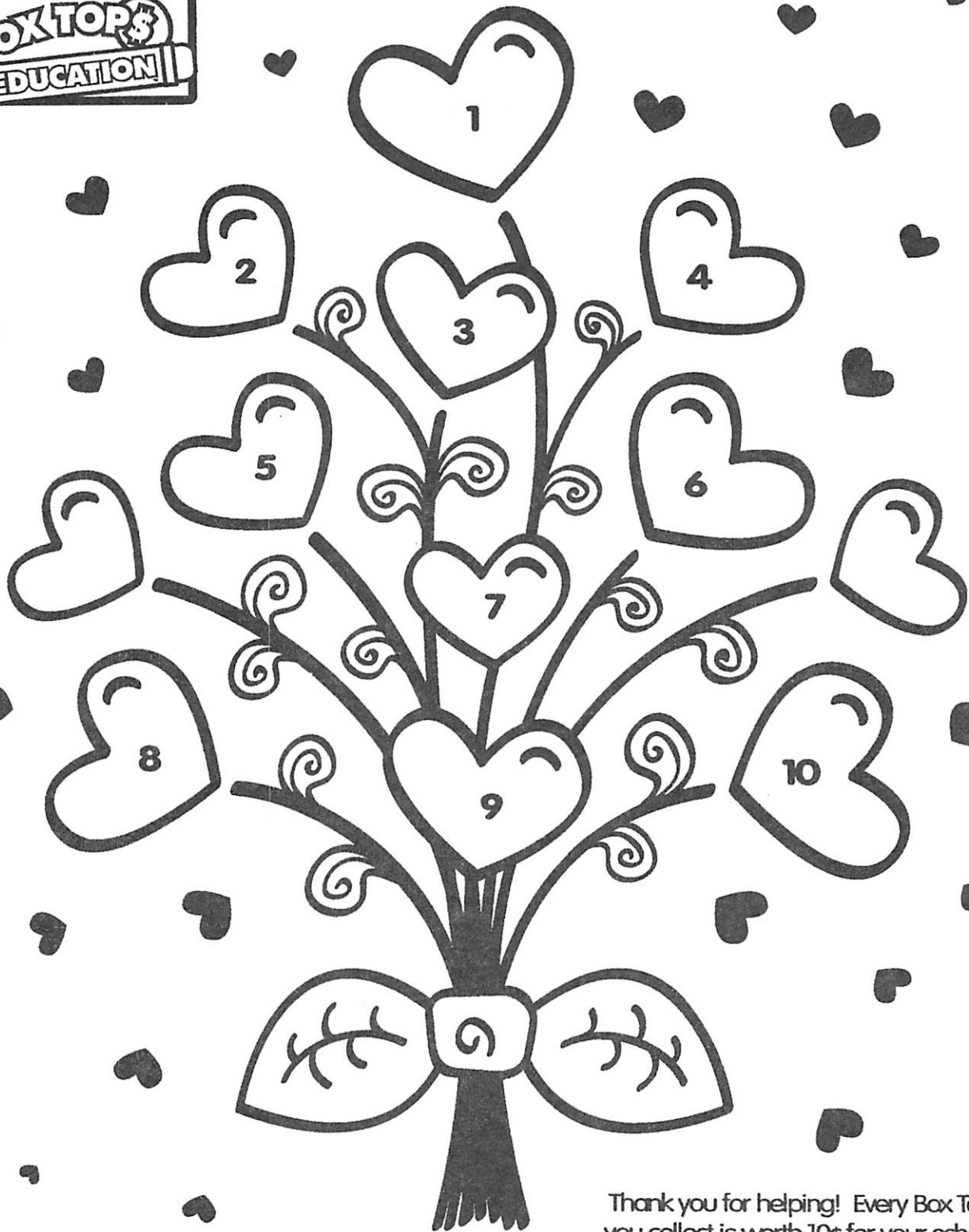
Number of People attending: _____ Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to St. Rose of Lima PT6)

Name of any additional siblings attending.

Service hour opportunity-Name/Phone _____

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Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____



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Hello. I would like to update you on the success of the Box Top fundraiser. Last year we earned \$340.00 for the school. This was a bit of an improvement compared to previous years! This year our goal has doubled to \$680.00. We will stay at this set goal until it is reached. Once our set goal is reached we will double that number for the following year. We are motivated to increase the success of this program with each successive year, as our potential is to earn \$20,000 per school year! Earning the money is essentially a "free" process. It only involves our taking the time to buy products that participate in the Box Top program, clip the Box Top from the product packaging, and send them in to the school. It is very simple!

On the back of this letter I have attached a list of the products that participate in the Box Tops program. This list has been updated to include new products effective January 2011. Please review the list, buy the products, clip the box tops and send them in! I have also attached a February collection sheet. There are many more collection sheets to choose from at boxtops4education.com/activitycenter. You can also turn in the box tops in plastic bag bundles of 50.

You also have the option of shopping online at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace® (boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Up to 15% of your qualifying purchase total is automatically donated to our school, at no additional cost to you. Plus, you'll get exclusive Box Tops deals and discounts!

There are currently only 20 families participating in the Box Top program and to date this year we have earned a total of \$401.50. Imagine how much cash we could earn if ALL families participated? I urge you to support our school by signing up at boxtops4education.com, where you can:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops and other prizes
- Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands
- Make mealtime easier with family-pleasing recipes

Please sign up for the Box Tops email newsletters that will keep you updated on the program, and for Marketplace newsletters with Box Tops members-only deals and discounts.

To learn more, visit boxtops4education.com—and thanks for choosing to make a difference for our school with Box Tops!

Sincerely,

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- Desserts:**
- Betty Crocker® Cake Mix
 - Betty Crocker Complete Desserts®
 - Betty Crocker® Cookie Pouches
 - Betty Crocker® Decadent Supreme
 - Betty Crocker® Frosting
 - Betty Crocker® Gluten Free Brownie Mix
 - Betty Crocker® Gluten Free Cake Mix
 - Betty Crocker® Gluten Free Cookie Mix
 - Betty Crocker® SunKist® Lemon Bars
 - Betty Crocker® Supreme Brownie Mix
 - Betty Crocker® Variety Dessert Mixes
 - Betty Crocker® Warm Delights® Desserts
 - Betty Crocker® Warm Delights® Minis
 - Reese's® Dessert Bar Mix
- Breads, Muffins and Rolls:**
- Betty Crocker® Boxed Muffin
 - Betty Crocker® Quick Breads
 - Betty Crocker® Complete Pancake Mix
 - Betty Crocker® Pizza Crust
 - Bisquick® Baking Mix Boxes
 - Bisquick® Gluten Free
 - Bisquick Heart Smart® Mix
 - Fiber One™ Complete Pancake Mix
 - Fiber One™ Muffin Mix
 - Gold Medal® Flour

BEVERAGES

- Nestle® Juicy Juice®
- Nestle® Juicy Juice® Bottles (6-pack)
- Nestle® Juicy Juice® Sparkling Fruit Juice (4-pack)

CEREAL

- Basic 4®
- Cheerios®:
- Apple Cinnamon Cheerios®
- Banana Nut Cheerios®
- Berry Burst Cheerios®
- Chocolate Cheerios®
- NEW Cinnamon Burst Cheerios®
- Frosted Cheerios®
- Fruity Cheerios®
- Honey Nut Cheerios®
- Multigrain Cheerios®
- Oat Cluster Cheerios® Crunch®
- Yogurt Burst Cheerios®
- Cascadian Farm® Cereals
- Chex®:
- Chocolate Chex®
- Cinnamon Chex®
- Corn Chex®
- Honey Nut Chex®
- Multi-Bran Chex®
- Rice Chex®
- Strawberry Chex®
- Wheat Chex®
- Cocoa Puffs®:
- Cocoa Puffs® Combos
- Cookie Crisp®
- Dora The Explorer®
- Fiber One® Caramel Delights™
- Fiber One® Honey Clusters®
- Fiber One® Raisin Bran Clusters®
- Golden Grahams®
- Honey Nut Clusters®
- Kix®:
- Berry Berry Kix®
- Honey Kix®
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch®
- Lucky Charms®:

- Berry Lucky Charms®
- Chocolate Lucky Charms®
- Oatmeal Crisp®:
- Oatmeal Crisp® Almond
- Oatmeal Crisp® Raisin
- Raisin Nut Bran
- Reese's Puffs®
- Total®:
- Total® Blueberry Pomegranate
- Total® Cinnamon Crunch
- Total® Cranberry Crunch
- Total® Honey Clusters
- Total® Plus Omega 3
- Total® Raisin Bran
- Whole Grain Total®
- Trix®
- Wheaties®:
- Wheaties Fuel®

FRESH PRODUCE

- NEW Green Giant® Fresh Head of Iceberg Lettuce
- NEW Green Giant® Fresh Head of Cauliflower
- NEW Green Giant® Fresh Bunched Broccoli
- NEW Green Giant® Fresh 3 count Bag of Romaine Hearts

FROZEN

- Green Giant® Vegetables:
- Green Giant® Bagged Vegetables with Sauce
- Green Giant® Just For One!® Vegetables
- Pillsbury® Toaster Strudel® Pastries
- Totino's® Pizza Rolls® Pizza Snacks
- Totino's® Crisp Crust Party Pizza®

MEALS & SIDES

- Betty Crocker® Specialty Potatoes
- Green Giant® Create a Meal®
- Helpers®:
- Hamburger Helper®
- Chicken Helper®
- Tuna Helper®
- Hamburger Helper® Complete Meals
- Old El Paso®:
- Old El Paso® Dinner Kits
- Old El Paso® Re-fried Beans
- Old El Paso® Taco Shells
- Old El Paso® Tortillas
- Progresso® Soups
- Progresso® Broth
- Suddenly Salad® Mixes

REFRIGERATED & DAIRY

- Cookies and Bars:
- Pillsbury® Big Deluxe® Cookies
- Pillsbury® Create 'n Bake® Cookies
- Pillsbury® Ready To Bake!™ Cookies
- Pillsbury® Simply Bake® Bars
- Pillsbury® Simply...™ Cookies
- Breads and Rolls:
- Pillsbury® Breadsticks
- Pillsbury® Country Italian Bread
- Pillsbury® Crescent Rolls
- Pillsbury® Crusty French Bread
- Pillsbury® Flaky Twists
- Pillsbury® Grands!® Biscuits
- Pillsbury® Grands!® Sweet Rolls
- Pillsbury® Pizza Crust
- Pillsbury® Simply...™ Biscuits
- Pillsbury® Sweet Rolls
- Butter, Margarine and Spreads:
- LAND O LAKES® Butter (sticks)

- LAND O LAKES® Fresh Buttery Taste® Spread (sticks and tubs)
- LAND O LAKES® Margarine (sticks and tubs)
- NEWLAND O LAKES® Spreadable Butter Products
- Cheese:
- LAND O LAKES® Snack'N Cheese To-Go!®
- LAND O LAKES® Chunk Cheese varieties in the Dairy Case
- LAND O LAKES® Sliced Cheese varieties in the Self-Service Deli
- ALPINE LACE® Sliced Cheese varieties in the Self-Service Deli
- LAND O LAKES® Eggs:
- LAND O LAKES® All-Natural Eggs
- LAND O LAKES® Omega 3 Eggs
- LAND O LAKES® Cage Free Eggs
- LAND O LAKES® Organic Eggs
- Yogurt:
- Simply... Go-GURT™
- Yoplait® Go-GURT® Yogurt
- Yoplait® Kids Yogurt
- Yoplait® Kids Yogurt Drink
- NEW Yoplait® Light™ 4pk
- Yoplait® Original 4pk
- Yoplait® Splitz™
- Yoplait® Trix® Multipack Yogurt

SNACKS

- Cascadian Farm® Granola Bars
- Cheerios® Snack Mix
- Chex Mix® Treat Bars
- Chex Mix® Select
- Chex Mix® Snack Mix
- Dunkaroos® Snacks
- Fiber One® Bars
- Fiber One™ Toaster Pastries
- Fiber One™ Toaster Shapes:
- Batman™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Care Bears™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Create A Bug™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Create A Dino™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- My Little Pony™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Polly Pocket™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Fairytale Princess™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Scooby-Doo™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Shark Bites Fruit Flavored Snacks
- Spider-Man™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Tonka™ Fruit Flavored Shapes
- Transformers Fruit Shapes
- Fruit-Flavored Snacks:
- Betty Crocker® Fruit Gushers®
- Betty Crocker® Fruit by the Foot®
- Betty Crocker® Fruit Flavored Snack Variety Pack
- Betty Crocker® Fruit Roll-Ups®
- Fruit Roll-Ups® Crazy Pix™
- Fruit Roll-Ups® Fruit Stickerz®
- Fruit by the Foot® Mini Feet
- Fruit Roll-Ups® Mini Rolls
- Golden Graham® Snack Bars
- Milk 'n Cereal Bars
- Nature Valley® Granola Bars:
- Nature Valley® Chewy Granola Bars with Yogurt
- Nature Valley® Chewy Trail Mix Bars
- Nature Valley® Crunchy Granola Bars
- Nature Valley® Healthy Heart Chewy Granola Bars
- Nature Valley® Nut Clusters
- Nature Valley® Roasted Nut Crunch Bars

- Nature Valley® Sweet & Salty Nut Granola Bars
- Nature Valley® Granola Thins

JELLY, JAMS & SPREADS

- Welch's® Concord Grape Jelly - 22 oz. Squeezeable bottle, 18 oz. & 32 oz. Jars
- Welch's® Concord Grape Jam - 22 oz. Squeezeable bottle, 18 oz. & 32 oz. Jars
- Welch's® Strawberry Spread - 22 oz. Squeezeable bottle & 32 oz. Jars
- Welch's® Red Raspberry Spread - 22 oz. Squeezeable bottle
- Welch's® Reduced Sugar Concord Grape Jelly - 18.8 oz. Squeezeable bottle
- Welch's® Reduced Sugar Strawberry Spread - 18.8 oz. Squeezeable bottle

SCHOOL & OFFICE SUPPLIES*

- Avery® Heavy Duty Binders
- Avery® Durable Binders
- Avery® Flexible Binders
- Avery® Silhouette™ Binders
- Avery® Recycled Chipboard Binders
- Avery® Index Maker Dividers
- Avery® Insertable Dividers
- Avery® Write-On Dividers
- Avery® Ready Index Dividers
- Avery® Sheet Protectors
- Avery® Report Covers
- Avery® Glue Stic
- Hi-Liter® Brand Highlighters
- Marks-A-Lot® Dry Erase Markers
- Marks-A-Lot® Permanent Markers
- Avery® Light T-Shirt Transfers
- Avery® Dark T-Shirt Transfers
- Avery® Stretchable T-Shirt Transfers
- Avery® Sticker Paper
- Avery® Magnet Sheets
- Avery® Address Labels
- Avery® Shipping Labels
- Avery® File Folder Labels
- Avery® ID Labels
- Avery® Name Badges

STORAGE BAGS & CONTAINERS

- Storage Bags:
- Ziploc® Brand Big Bags
- Ziploc® Brand DoubleGuard® Freezer Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Easy Zipper Freezer Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Easy Zipper Storage Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Evolve® Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Expandable Bottom Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Flexible Totes
- Ziploc® Brand Freezer Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Fresh Produce Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Sandwich Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Snack Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Storage Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Treat Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Vacuum Bags
- Ziploc® Brand Zip 'n Steam™ Bags
- Containers:
- Ziploc® Brand Snap 'n Seal Containers
- Ziploc® Brand Twist 'n Loc® Containers

PAPER PRODUCTS

- Bath and Facial Tissue:
- COTTONELLE® Bath Tissue
- KLEENEX® Anti-Viral Tissue (75 & 112 count)
- KLEENEX® Facial Tissue (184 Colors, 200, 240 & 260 count)
- SCOTT® 1000 Count Bath Tissue

- SCOTT® Extra Soft Bath Tissue Towels & Napkins:
- KLEENEX® Dinner Napkins (50 count)
- SCOTT® Paper Towels
- SCOTT® Rags in a Box
- SCOTT® Shop Towels
- VIVA® Paper Towels
- Wipes:
- COTTONELLE® For Kids Flushable Moist Wipes
- COTTONELLE FRESH® Flushable Moist Wipes
- SCOTT® Pre-Moistened Wipes

DISPOSABLE TABLEWARE & COOKWARE

- Disposable Cookware
- Hefty® EZ Foil® Pans
- Disposable Cups:
- Hefty® Clear Colors Disposable Cups
- Hefty® Crystal Clear Disposable Cups
- Hefty® Easy Grip® Disposable Cups
- Hefty® Zoo Pals® Cups
- Disposable Plates and Serveware:
- Hefty® Crystal Clear Plates
- Hefty® Diamond Deluxe™ Paper Plates
- Hefty® Elegantware™ Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Everyday Foam Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Hearty Meals™ Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Superweight™ Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Supreme™ Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Zoo Pals® Funtensils
- Hefty® Zoo Pals® Plates and Bowls

WASTE BAGS

- Hefty® Cinch Sak® Waste Bags
- Hefty® EasyFlaps® Waste Bags
- Hefty® The Gripper® Tall Kitchen Waste Bags
- Hefty® Kitchen Fresh® Tall Kitchen Waste Bags
- Hefty® Ultra Flex™ Waste Bags

WATER FILTRATION SYSTEMS AND FILTERS

- NEW Brita® Faucet Filtration Systems
- NEW Brita® Faucet Replacement Filters
- NEW Brita® Pitchers
- NEW Brita® Pitcher Replacement Filters
- NEW Brita® UltraMax Dispenser

PRODUCTS WITH LIMITED AVAILABILITY

- Avery® Permanent Markers
- Avery® Label Pads
- Avery® NoteTabs™
- Avery® PocketTabs™
- Avery® Protect & Store™ Binders
- Cereals:
- Boo Berry® Cereal
- Count Chocula® Cereal
- Country® Corn Flakes
- Franken Berry® Cereal
- Desserts:
- Hershey's® Brownie Mix
- Meals:
- Macaroni Grill® Multi-packs
- Refrigerated & Frozen:
- ALPINE LACE® Sliced Swiss Cheese (Club Stores)
- Fiber One® Frozen Muffins

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