

SAMPLE COMMITMENT SUNDAY PRESENTATION

This is an example of what you might want to share with your parish community on Commitment Sunday. The parish presenter should use it only to help in developing their presentation/message.

Good morning/Good afternoon,

Today is Commitment Sunday, the day our Diocese, our pastor, and our parish are asking you to make a commitment to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

To attain the goal of 100% participation, each of us has to make a gift and understand the need to support our greater Catholic Community. I'd like to share with you some of the reasons I support the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

1. God has blessed my family and me. He has given us blessings in many different ways. I have the responsibility and the opportunity to share these blessings with others. By supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal, I am recognizing the blessings that have been given to me and I am doing my part to share these gifts with those in need.
2. Locally, our gifts support Catholic Charities, the preparation of seminarians to become priests, youth ministry, and the religious education of children.
3. My gift to the Appeal not only helps this Diocese, it also supports 11 special collections that are no longer held in our parishes: the Catholic Church's efforts in Latin America, Eastern Europe, and the Catholic Home Missions in the United States, to mention a few.

The Appeal also helps the life of our own parish, since anything we raise beyond our target is returned to our parish for our own use. This year we hope to use this money in order to _____.

If you need a pledge card, we have them available in the back of church. If you have already made a pledge, please do not fill out another card, unless you are making an additional pledge.

Thank you for your help and support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal