

## SAMPLE STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY PRESENTATION

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

Good morning/Good afternoon,

At this time each year, our attention is directed to the needs of the greater church community, and we are asked to renew our commitment to support the Diocese with our time, talent, treasure, and prayers.

This year the Diocese has asked our parish to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ as our portion of the Diocesan Annual Appeal goal of \_\_\_\_\_. With everyone's participation, this goal is easily attainable, and it is our sincere hope that all will participate. We ask that every household considers making a gift to the Appeal.

Calling himself the Good Shepherd, Jesus said of his sheep, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10). As our Bishop shepherds the Diocese of La Crosse in the name of Jesus, he embraces the same mission, so that everyone under his care might "have life and have it more abundantly." All the ministries supported by the Annual Appeal participate in this same life-giving mission including the work of Catholic Charities as it helps people rebuild their lives after floods or other disasters assists couples seeking to adopt a child or offers personal or financial counseling to a struggling family. Funds from the Annual Appeal go to the care of our retired priests who have given a lifetime of service, as well as to the formation of seminarians and deacon candidates preparing to begin their ministry to the faithful of our Diocese. The Annual Appeal also supports the Church's ministry to Hmong and Hispanic immigrants in our midst and enables the production of the TV Mass for those homebound by age or health.

These are only some of the ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. As you can see, they all share the one goal of fostering life, abundant life in Christ—the life of the body as well as the life of the soul.

If we, as a parish, meet our goal, more money is available for our parish needs. All additional funds received after meeting our target will be sent back to us in the form of a refund. This year we hope to fund \_\_\_\_\_ with our rebate. During this next week, please consider making a gift. On Commitment Sunday, we will ask you to make your commitment during Mass. Please remember to pray for the success of the Diocesan Annual Appeal in our Parish.