

## Parish Talk (3–4 minutes)

### Suggested for lay leaders, or Appeal Ambassadors

#### Opening:

Good [morning/afternoon/evening], my dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I'm thrilled to be here today to talk to you about something close to our hearts-the **Diocesan Annual Appeal**, themed **Fueling Missions of Hope**.

#### Reflection:

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells His disciples: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." That commission is for all of us. We are not just spectators — **we are missionaries of hope**, sent into the world to make Christ known.

#### [holding up a logo]

This year's Appeal logo beautifully embodies this mission. The **blue cross** represents our anchor in Christ. The **red flame** signifies the Holy Spirit, who grants us courage. The **gold waves** illustrate how our gifts spread out, reaching the poor, shaping our youth, supporting our seminarians, and strengthening parish life throughout our Diocese.

When you invest in the Annual Appeal, you're not just making a donation. You're saying: **"Yes, Lord. Send me.** Use me to bring hope to others." Your role is essential, **and your gift is appreciated.**

#### Closing:

Remember, whether your gift is large or small, it is a spark that God can transform into a flame. Together, let's **fuel missions of hope** and be part of this transformative journey, where your contribution, no matter the size, has the power to make a significant difference.

Thank you, and may God bless your generosity. Your contributions, regardless of size, are sincerely appreciated and acknowledged. Your support is valued, and as members of our community, you are greatly appreciated.