

Commitment Weekend: In-Pew Process

Enthusiastic support by the Pastor is **CRITICAL** to the success of the Appeal. You may use the talking points to promote the Appeal by following the instructions below. If you choose **NOT** to follow the In-Pew process, then please give them instruction on filling it out and allow them to either take it home or drop it into the Offertory basket before leaving Church.

This script is for either the Pastor or the designated Appeal Coordinator to follow. The pastor should also fill out an envelope in a visible manner.

SCRIPT:

- Each of us is challenged to accept the opportunity to support the work of God by making a gift or pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal.
- I hope each of you will join me today in making a gift that fits your ability to give.
- Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important. A gift of \$1 per week would be \$52 or you could pledge \$1 for each day of the year - \$365, which could be paid in 10 monthly payments of \$36.50. Some people pledge 1% of their annual salary. If you make \$25,000/year that would be \$250.00 or 10 payments of \$25. If you make \$40,000, 1% would be \$400 or a pledge of \$40 for 10 months.
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- In your pew, you will find pledge envelopes and pencils. Let's fill the pledge envelope out together.
- Open to the inside of your envelope, at the top right you can see a Gift Plan Chart. This is for your reference and shows you how much you would pay each month if you made one of these suggested pledges.
- If you are making a pledge to be paid out over time, you will fill in the first two boxes.
- If you are making a one-time gift, make sure you write the amount of the gift on the line provided.
- For pledges, fill in the first box that matches the monthly amount you are giving. If you don't see the amount you want to give, use the blank and write in your monthly amount.
- If you are going to make the first payment towards your pledge today, check the box that indicates Check or Cash Enclosed.
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- On the left side of the envelope, please complete your name, address, phone number and email address. Please fill in all the information. This will ensure that pledge reminders are sent to the correct address if you make a pledge commitment.
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- If you will be making your donation or monthly pledge payments by credit card, please fill in the Credit Card Information on the bottom half of the envelope.
- If you will be making your donation or monthly pledge payments by automatic bank withdrawal, please fill in the Electronic Funds section of the envelope.
- Finally, place any payment you are making today in the pledge envelope along with your voided check, if you are paying by bank draft, and seal the envelope.
- We will give you a few extra minutes to finish filling out your pledge, then the ushers will pick them up with the offertory collection in just a few minutes.

Bishop Cary, Father _____, and I thank you for your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift will go a long way toward serving the least of our sisters and brothers and reaching the goals of our mutually shared vision in the Diocese. If you have already given to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, we thank you sincerely for your generosity. Thank you.