

**Suggested Follow-Up Letter
from Pastor and Chairperson(s)**

[Date]

[Name]

[Address]

[City], [State] [Zip]

Dear [Salutation]:

On the weekend of February 11-12, 2012, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Portland conducted Commitment Weekend for the 2012 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. This annual Appeal provides money to support essential parish-based ministries that most parishes could not fund by themselves.

The theme of this year's Appeal is, "*Teach, Bless, Serve*". The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal provides a unique opportunity to teach our faith to others and express our gratitude for the Lord's blessings we have received. The Appeal also allows us to share those blessings with others—with Catholic ministry, education, and services that help parishes throughout our Archdiocese. The very act of giving is a blessing we bestow on others. And when we bless others, God in turn blesses us for our service.

Please prayerfully reflect upon the many blessings you have received and consider how much you will return to further His work in your Archdiocese. Your commitment is needed and will be of great help to those who have and will benefit from the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal funding.

We have enclosed an Archbishop's Catholic Appeal pledge form and reply envelope for your convenience. We pray that you will be able to make a commitment this year. We would like 100% participation in showing our support of Archbishop Vlazny and the Catholic Church in Western Oregon.

Anticipating your pledge, and on behalf of those ministries you are supporting both spiritually and materially, we offer our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude.

We wish you and yours all the abundant blessings of our Lord, and we thank you for your continuing support of our parish and Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor

Co-Chairperson

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