

Commitment Weekend

February 11-12, 2012

In-Pew Script

Today, throughout the Archdiocese of Portland in Western Oregon, every parish is asking for their parishioners' help to assist the parish-based ministries supported by the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal.

On behalf of Archbishop Vlazny, I thank all of you who gave last year. I can assure you that the funds you gave helped to provide ministry to those who would not have been touched without your support. When you give to the Appeal, you are providing vital financial support for ministries the parishes would not otherwise be able to afford.

Each of us is called to share our gifts. We must first support our parish, and then we are asked to support our local Church, our Archdiocese. The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is a very effective way to meet part of this second obligation.

[If applicable to your parish, insert statement(s) from previous page regarding non-payment of pledges, privacy, and/or how pledging works.]

(Ask ushers/students to pass out the envelopes.) As you receive your pledge envelope (display the envelope), open it and remove the pen.

Now let's take a moment to complete the pledge card together. The pastor at this time should fill out his pledge card going through each line .

Pastor should remind the parishioners to fill out the pledge card even if they cannot make a pledge at this time as it saves us time and money in not having to re-contact them at a later date.

Please tear off the commitment card and place it in the envelope before you seal it. The ushers will now collect your pledge envelopes.

On behalf of Archbishop Vlazny and (Name of Pastor), but most especially on behalf of those who will benefit from your contributions, I thank you for your very generous contribution to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. May God bless you.