



2023 In-Pew Weekend Liturgy Aid

Including the “Celebrant’s Script”

This Liturgy Aid, provided by email to Parishes and Music Directors, offers assistance in planning parish liturgies for the *Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal* solicitation weekend:

- Hymns and General Intercession recommendations have been provided to help pair the Gospel of the day with the Appeal theme of *Shining the Light of Christ*.
- The “Celebrant’s Script” with suggested homily segues begins on page 4.

Since Bishop Koenig is unable to preach at every Mass in every Church for the *Faith and Charity* solicitation weekend, he has prepared a video that ties in the opportunity we have to live the Gospel through support of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. The video DVD/USB drive will be included in your 2023 materials and can also be streamed from our website, www.cdow.org/fac.

In the event you are unable to show the video in Church, please read the statement provided from Bishop Koenig.

Pastors are asked to forward these materials to their staff for planning purposes, and to their clergy who will assist with these liturgies.

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PREPARATION: PRIOR TO IN-PEW SOLICITATION WEEKEND

1. Mail the Pre-In-Pew Pastor's Letter to your parishioners 1 to 3 weeks prior to your in-pew solicitation. Sample provided at the end of this booklet.
2. Arrange to have the "Special Bulletin Insert" in your Parish Bulletin, to run the weekend prior to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal solicitation. Sample provided at the end of this booklet.
3. Provide your music ministry with a copy of the music suggestions.
4. Set up and test your DVD/Streaming equipment. (in the event this is impossible – use Bishop's statement).
5. Provide a copy of the Homily Segues and Celebrant's Script for Appeal Weekend (provided in this booklet) at the pulpit for all Masses.
6. Incorporate one or more of the suggested petitions (suggestions provided at the end of this booklet) into the General Intercessions.
7. Deliver the pledge cards and pens/pencils to church for the weekend of the In-Pew Solicitation.
8. Instruct your ushers on how and when to distribute the pledge cards and pencils/pens, and how and when to collect them:
 - a. Please note that there are two ways to *collect* the completed pledge cards during the Mass. This guide describes both options.
 - b. If your ushers will be collecting your completed pledge cards, please **prepare them to do so**.

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

For English-speaking Congregations:

Some hymns may not appear in resources from all publishers.

Many of these are familiar to congregations for singing; some may be suitable for choir alone as a prelude or at another appropriate part during the Mass.

- I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- The Summons
- Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
- Lift High the Cross
- In the Breaking of the Bread
- The Servant Song
- Lord, When you Came to the Seashore (Pescador)
- Only This I Want
- Lord Whose Love in Humble Service
- I Will Choose Christ
- Mary First Among Believers
- Take Up Your Cross
- We Are Many Parts
- Christ be Beside Me
- Lead Me, Guide Me
- Lead Me Lord
- Christ, Be Our Light / Se Nuestra Luz
- God of Day and God of Darkness
- Whatsoever You Do
- Come to the Feast / Ven al Banquete
- Come to the Water
- The Cry of the Poor

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

For Spanish and Bilingual Congregations:

- ***Bilingual*** – Vamos Peregrinos/Sing Out Pilgrim People (by Pedro Rubalcava) WLP Publications - (Canto de Entrada) Gathering Hymn
- ***Bilingual*** – Pueblo Santo y Elegido – (WLP Publications & OCP Publications)
- ***Bilingual*** – Pescador de Hombres/Lord you Have Come (by Cesareo Gabarain)
- Come to the Feast / Ven al Banquete
- Christ, Be Our Light / Se Nuestra Luz (**This almost has to be included.**)
- Pan de Vida
- Juntos Como Hermanos (by Cesareo Gabarain) OCP Publications – (Canto de Entrada) Gathering Hymn
- Caminaré en Presencia del Señor (by Juan Espinosa) OCP Publications
- Grita Profeta (by Emilio Vicente Mateu) OCP Publications
- Canción del Misionero OCP Publications
- Un Pueblo que Camina (by Emilio Vicente Mateu) OCP Publications
- El Viñador (by Gabarain) OCP Publications
- Salgamos a Llevar el Evangelio (by Santiago Fernández) OCP Publications (Canto de Salida – Sending Forth)
- Somos Pueblo Misionero (by Correa-Thille) OCP Publications (Canto de Salida – Sending Forth)
- En Tus Manos (by Roger Hernández) OCP Publications (Canto de Salida – Sending Forth)

OFRENDA:

A special Spanish-language celebrant's script and liturgy will be provided. In addition, the "*OFRENDA – la Viuda de las dos Monedas*" will be provided to all parishes with Spanish-speaking worship sites as another way of inviting our Spanish-speaking communities to participate in the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

CELEBRANT'S SCRIPT INTRO

Homily segues for Solicitation Weekend (Third Sunday of Easter – April 29 & April 30, 2023)

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:20b-25

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

Today's readings share with us three essential themes that are all connected.

1. **We are called to repent:** In our first reading, Peter proclaims God is the creator of both Lord and Christ - Jesus Christ, "whom you crucified." Repent and be baptized; you will receive the Holy Spirit "for the promise is made to you and your children..." Jesus died for us.
2. **We are called to follow Jesus' example:** In the second reading, we hear that Christ died for us, and He left us an example to follow. "We are called to righteousness. By his wounds, we have been healed".
3. **We are called to serve:** In our gospel reading, Jesus says, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Jesus uses metaphor and figure of speech, using - *sheep, shepherd, gate, gatekeeper, thief, and bandits* to essentially tell us to "follow me" - Jesus tells us to come through Him, and we will be strengthened to answer his call to serve. Jesus offers us an abundant life, not in material things, but in purpose, meaning, integrity, and relationship. Jesus leads us to love, joy, kindness, and generosity.

This year, the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal theme is - ***Shining the Light of Christ***. All three readings call us to follow Christ and live by His example. We are called to follow Jesus' example and abundantly share our time, talent, and treasure. We are called to generosity. By following Jesus, we are called to share His example with the world, serving others and bringing love, joy, hope, and healing. He came so that we may have life and have it abundantly.

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal is one of the ways we can bring healing, joy, love, and hope to the people of our diocese. **Shining the Light of Christ**.

> show ***Faith and Charity*** video <

Bishop continues the message- how through the support of our Appeal we live the Gospel.

In the event it is not possible to show the video in Church – please read the message from Bishop. (see message on next page).

Bishop Koenig Message

I speak to you today in gratitude. Thank you for participating in the 2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Your generosity provided spiritual, physical and emotional support to our brothers and sisters who were in need this year. On their behalf, I thank you.

This year, the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal is *“Shining the Light of Christ”*.

We are all responsible for bringing Christ to others. When you support the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal - you are *Shining the Light of Christ* and bringing hope to your neighbors. You are accompanying those on the margins - caring for the poor and vulnerable - proclaiming the gospel through youth, young adult, and campus ministries, and Catholic education.

By your generosity, our faith community is strengthened – now, and into the future.

Jesus said – “Shine your light before others” – our Faith and Charity ministries bring the light of Christ’s love to our communities. It is a light that comforts, heals and strengthens.

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal - Shining the Light of Christ - is a call to action, helping us care for the needs of our people, and form the next generation of faith-filled leaders for our parishes and the broader community.

Please join me in supporting this vital appeal - and prayerfully consider a generous donation.

May God Bless you!

(Celebrant’s Script continues on next page)



CELEBRANT'S SCRIPT

Local parish needs: All parishes that exceed the goal receive 100% or 50% (insert applicable percentage) of all funds collected over the goal.

- If you are able to increase your donation by just 10%, we will likely exceed our goal. Thus, you will also be helping our parish support the ministries that bring God's love to those in need.
- Some may not be aware, the average gift to the *Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal* is around \$_____. Many give more and many give less. If we could increase donations closer to \$_____, the diocese will reach our goal of \$5.0 million.

[NOTE FOR CELEBRANT:]

[Speak personally about one of the case components. Passionately explain why YOU personally feel so strongly about the importance of that particular ministry. People will be more apt to give if the celebrant is passionate and enthusiastic about how the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal can benefit the Church. Examples may include a personal story of a family assisted by Catholic Charities, or a way in which our Youth is served (religious education, youth ministry, or Catholic schools).]

You should have received a letter from Bishop Koenig asking you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the *Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal*. And now, I – your pastor, ask you to support the *Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal*. I personally ask you now, to make a commitment to support the vital programs that help us to live the Gospel both in our parish and throughout the diocese. (Make mention that as Pastor, you have made your gift – if appropriate)

I am pleased to announce that already over \$_____ has been raised towards the minimum diocesan need of \$5 million. As a sign of support for the Annual Appeal, our priests of the diocese contribute more than \$129,000.00! I am also happy to announce that here at our own parish we have already raised \$_____ on a goal of \$_____ from only _____ families. This is a generous average gift of \$_____! By your gift to the Appeal, you are responding to God's call to share His compassion and love with others.

As this important effort continues, we now invite all of the families of our parish to participate and join us in making a sacrificial pledge. This will assist countless other families who do not have the material or spiritual benefits that many of us already enjoy. And so because it is our mission to love and help others, this appeal weekend has been designated as Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal Weekend.

This effort is so important and vital to sustaining ministries that go beyond our parish's ability to serve locally, so I want us to pray together as we begin. We need God's help to accomplish every good work. I ask that the ushers/volunteers begin to pass out the special envelopes to each family at this time. I ask that at least one representative from each family take a commitment card and pencil/pen.

With prayerful consideration, we can make our sacrifice a personal reflection of our particular financial situation and appreciation for the gifts we have been given. With that in mind, let us pray and take a moment for silent reflection thanking God for his blessings and asking the Lord to inspire and guide us as to how He is calling us to generosity of heart. *(Now pray the 2023 Campaign Prayer found on the back cover.)*

We are asking each family to consider a pledge today, if you have not already done so. Our goal is for an informed decision from every family. Since we hope to reach every family about the importance of the *Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal*, your completion of a pledge card today will let us know if you have already responded and that we would not need to contact you by mail or by phone. By making a pledge, you have the opportunity to extend and divide up that sacrifice over a period of time, just as the needs of others continue over a period of time.

The sacrifices you make so that others can experience God's presence in their lives will be richly rewarded. As St. Paul reminds us, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7b).

When filling out the card – here is what will be helpful to our parish staff, and the *Faith and Charity* staff at the diocese, in the way you fill out the card.

Please highlight these items which prevent MANY errors.

- 1) Use your formal name: Mr. and Mrs. Robert (and Amanda) Smith
 - a. After you write out your name, we will be matching it up with your ID# on it.
 - b. Robert and Amanda Smith could be Father and Daughter, so the formal version using your title helps us.
 - c. Smith Family can be a problem too – I think you understand...

- 2) PLEASE WRITE OUR PARISH NAME AND CITY – This makes sure we receive credit toward our goal.

We're asking every "DONOR" to complete a pledge envelope (could be more than 1 per family, if there are several independent or wage earning adults in the household). Even if you've already made your gift, if you have not received an acknowledgement from us yet, please complete an envelope now so we can be sure we have not missed you – AND SO YOU DON'T RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL MAIL OR CALLS.

God is calling you to a gift that is specific to your ability of sacrifice. You're asked to complete that pledge amount now by checking one of the boxes. Remember, a pledge over a period of time, enables you to extend and hopefully increase your sacrifice.

If you've already given your gift to me or to one of the staff, or if you donated already, I thank you for your pro-active concern in making a difference, and ask you now to please check that box.

If you prefer to make a donation online, you will find a shortened URL and QR code for your use. Please know, the online method for donations is secure.

To help us continue to "Go Green," please add your email address.

Finally, please sign and date the pledge envelope on the line provided.

It is important to complete the card with full names & addresses and **parish name.**

COLLECTING THE PLEDGES– 2 OPTIONS

PLEASE collect the envelopes during the Mass!!
If cards are taken home, they get forgotten. It is a best practice to
encourage envelopes are collected during Mass.

Option #1 – Parishioners fill out envelope and one family representative comes forward to drop it in a basket in front of the altar.

Regardless of your decision, please fill out a card today. I ask one representative from each family to then come forward to drop your commitment card in the basket in front of the altar. If you are alone today and coming forward to the altar is physically challenging for you, you may hand your pledge to a neighbor to bring it forward. On behalf of all those who will be assisted by your generosity, you have my deepest gratitude. Thank you and God bless you.

[At this time the organist can play a few minutes of one of the suggested pieces or other light music while parishioners fill out their cards, and drop their cards in the basket.]

Option #2 – Parishioners fill out card and ushers come around to collect cards.

Regardless of your decision, please fill out an envelope today. In a few minutes I will have the ushers come around to collect all the cards. On behalf of all those who will be assisted by your generosity, you have my deepest gratitude. Thank you and God bless you.

[At this time the organist can play a few minutes of one of the suggested pieces or other light music while parishioners fill out their cards. Cue the ushers to collect the cards in the collection baskets once parishioners look like they have completed their cards.]

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

That by offering our prayers, fasting and almsgiving for the success of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, sufficient funding is raised to keep our vital programs operating and reaching those who are the most vulnerable. Let us pray to the Lord.

That our Pastors, Clergy and volunteers may be inspired with true hope in the benefits of the Faith and Charity campaign, as they invite their parishioners to join in this mission of love. Let us pray to the Lord.

For Francis, our Pope, and William, our Bishop, all bishops, priests, deacons and all who serve the Church that they may imitate the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have responded so generously in the past to the diocesan Appeal, that the Lord may bless them for their contributions and loving sacrifices. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who will be asked to respond this year to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal that they will respond generously so that the Diocese of Wilmington will be able to continue to care for those in need. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who will benefit from the programs and services funded by the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, may they see Jesus coming to them in the generous sacrifices we have made in His Name. Let us pray to the Lord.

That those who hear Christ's invitation respond to His call and share His message of compassion and love throughout our Diocese. Let us pray to the Lord.

PRE-IN PEW PASTOR'S LETTER

Suggested wording for the pastor's letter to your parishioners prior to the in-pew solicitation. Recommended to be sent on parish letterhead with the pastor's signature, preferably at least three weeks prior to in-pew.

March 13, 2023

«PrimAdd»
«AddLn1»
«AddLn2»
«City», «St» «Zip»

Dear «PrimSal»:

You will soon receive a letter from Bishop Koenig that will include the 2023 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal materials.

By supporting the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, you support ministries that feed, shelter, and clothe the homeless, help the spiritually needy, and form our young people in faith and service. This year, the campaign theme, *Shining the Light of Christ*, invites us to support the faith and charity ministries throughout the State of Delaware and our nine counties in Maryland. These ministries serve our brothers and sisters on the margins and enable us to support our youth and strengthen our Catholic faith into the future.

Shining the Light of Christ reminds us that we are called to be a source of light in the darkness. Christ is our light, and we share Him with the world. "Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for Hope, many despair."

Your generosity of time, talent, and treasure bring the *Light of Christ* to others in need. When you receive the request from our Bishop Koenig, please prayerfully consider a generous gift to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

Together we will shine the *Light of Christ* and impact the lives of many!

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. _____

BULLETIN INSERTS: FULL-PAGE



Shining the Light of Christ, I invite you to learn about those who have benefited from the programs and ministries made possible by your gift to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES -

Your generosity provides services offered by the Catholic Charities offices throughout the Diocese of Wilmington. Through the programs and services of Catholic Charities, the Diocese of Wilmington brings new life and love into the hearts of those we cherish the most – our elderly and disabled and underserved, along with their families and caregivers. Together, we offer support to the weak, vulnerable and disenfranchised.

EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION -

Lay leadership training, intercultural ministries, marriage enrichment, adult faith formation, liturgical catechesis and other evangelization efforts, along with your gifts, kindle the fire of faith into a bright beacon for all to see.

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES -

Your donation provides support for the next generation and enables programs like Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, College Campus Ministries/Newman Centers, and a growing number of parish-based Youth Ministry programs and many more activities to build community and prepare our youth and young adults for the mission that God has chosen for them.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION -

Your support ensures that parishes and ministries have the assistance of formed Deacons to help bring the light of Jesus into the world. Through prayers and support, we currently have 121 Deacons in the Diocese of Wilmington.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION – “ONE BODY IN CHRIST” -

Catholic schools are an integral part of the teaching mission of the Church.

Catholic schools build faith, develop leadership ability and provide academic excellence in a safe environment.

Your gift will help keep our schools vibrant and successful for families to send children to our schools that foster Catholic values, develop character and provide academic excellence.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS –

Your generosity assists our vocations office to provide outreach, support and guidance for our current seminarians as well as our discerning young men for religious life. “Let us together discover the treasures that God has in store for us.” ~Bishop Koenig

INCENTIVES FOR PARISH INITIATIVES -

When our parish collects its goal amount, the parish will receive a rebate. All funds over goal - (100% or 50%) will be returned to our parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work.

Our goal here at _____ Parish is \$_____.__ – but we have already raised an incredible \$_____.__ from the contributions of only ___ families! That’s an average gift of over \$____. __! Now we invite all parishioners to participate in this important effort. During Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal weekend, please make your sacrificial gift to help continue the mission of the Church here in the Diocese of Wilmington.

IN-PEW PLEDGE ENVELOPE

Hard copies were provided to all parishes. An electronic version can be found on the Faith and Charity webpage here: www.cdow.org/fac under “Ways to Give”, then “Mail a Check” or gift may be made online.

2023 Campaign Prayer

Shining the Light of Christ

Lord, You draw us together as a Church family to bring Your light to those on the margins, in need of love, hope and joy.

You brought your light to the world, to free us all from the darkness. Now you call upon us to share that light in all that we do, bringing hope to the hopeless and comfort to the suffering.

You gave me the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please guide me in service, to shine your light in all that I do.

As I walk with compassion, lead me to those who are in need and guide me in my charity.

Amen.