



## *Sample Witness Talk 1*

Thank you, father. Every year at this time we kick off our Catholic Appeal Campaign. For the past several years it has been my privilege to be your campaign coordinator.

I want to begin by extending a thank you on the behalf of the Parish to the families that so generously supported of last year's Appeal. In 2017, XXX Parish contributed over \$XXX to the Appeal.

Just as last year, the Appeal provides the financial oxygen that makes possible critical services to the broader Catholic community, services that are beyond the capability of an individual parish. Importantly, many of these services impact our parish directly -

- such as supporting the four hospital Chaplains that live and serve in our parish; offering marriage preparation for our engaged couples; providing human resource needs for our Parish priest, staff, and school; and providing for the needs of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary located next to St. Lawrence Church which trains men from around the world to spread the Gospel here in Boston.

On a personal note, it is easy to take all of this support for granted. XX and I have been XXX parishioners for XXX years. It wasn't until I got involved in the Appeal Campaign that I started thinking about where these services come from or even if there would be enough priests to serve the parish in the future.

But the truth is we inherited our faith and our church from those who came before us...the commitment and sacrifices that they made. If our children and grandchildren are to enjoy that inheritance it is our turn to step up. Supporting the Catholic Appeal is one of the most important actions we can take to ensure our Church's future.

You will find more information about the Appeal in today's bulletin. I hope you will take one home and if you have time visit the Appeal website where there is more information about the 50 ministries supported by our Appeal dollars. I will be back next week to walk you through the process of making your pledge. I hope at that time you will be as generous as your situation allows.

Thank you and may God Bless you and may God bless the good works the Appeal makes possible.