

2018 Catholic Appeal

Helpful tips for a successful Commitment Weekend: March 10-11

- ❖ **Supply the Church with plenty of in-pew pledge forms and pencils ahead of Commitment Weekend.** Do not place in-pew pledge forms in the pews before Mass; they are to be handed out during Mass to the best of your ability.
- ❖ **Recruit help for Commitment Weekend. Ushers may need some extra help to distribute and collect in-pew pledge forms.** Religious education students, members of the Parish Council or Finance Council, or other volunteers will be helpful.
- ❖ **After the Cardinal's message, invite parishioners to support the Appeal by completing and returning their pledge forms during Mass.** In cases where scheduling prevents the pastor from being present at every Mass, the celebrant, Appeal Coordinator(s), or other volunteers may lead the in-pew presentation.
- ❖ **Collect completed in-pew pledge forms during Mass.** Have ushers, religious education students, or other volunteers assist in collecting completed forms during Mass. Do not ask them to take the pledge form home; this greatly reduces parishioner response.
- ❖ **Be available and prepared for parishioners to ask questions.** It is recommended that pastors, celebrants, and volunteers remain after Mass to answer questions about the Appeal.
- ❖ **Ensure safekeeping and processing of in-pew envelopes.** DO NOT OPEN ENVELOPES. Lock in a secure location before sending them directly for processing using bank bags and FEDEX labels mailed to parish.

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Thank you!