**Announcement Weekend**

**Witness Talk Sample Message for Parishes NOT showing CA 21 video**

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The work funded by the Appeal supports 51 Central Ministries. It is work that plays out day to day, year to year - and has been absolutely critical to our parish during the pandemic.

The Appeal provides funding for:

* A team of experts at the Archdiocese who have provided critical information and support during the pandemic to help guide and reopen our parish. From financial expertise and webinars during the pandemic to guidance on decisions about the best product to sanitize our pews between Masses, Fr. xxxx and other parishes have a team of experts to call upon.
* This same team has provided guidance to our Catholic schools enabling them to reopen this past fall.
* This team includes the work of the Social Justice Ministry that hosts a yearly convocation to help us better understand our baptismal call to love one another and respect all people as children of God.
* And a Family Life Ministry that provides expert information in helping our churches welcome and provide access to the sacraments for children or persons with disabilities. Or on-line marriage prep classes so that newly engaged couples can learn how to build their marriage on a foundation of faith.

The list goes on and on.

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I can assure you that your participation has an immediate and lasting impact.

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The video you are about to see shows the incredible teamwork that supports our parish. From the assistance of experts on the pandemic that helped us to open our Church again – to work that supports Catholic education and social justice teaching, the work of the Appeal provides an extraordinary foundation for us and our Church.

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