

Suggested Remarks for the Pastor's In-Pew Solicitation

[Instruct the ushers to distribute the pledge envelopes.]

I would like to ask a representative of each household to take an envelope and a pencil that are now being distributed by the ushers.

We at (parish) have been involved actively in an important appeal of the Archdiocese, namely the *Archbishop's Call to Share*. This effort is the lifeblood of our greater Church of Northeast Kansas that assists our parish with a variety of ministries, as well as those among us with significant needs. By participating in the *ACTS*, we demonstrate our support for programs that affect us, but also those ministries that “act” out what we believe in. As Catholics we are proudly more than just our parish here at (parish), and the *ACTS* is one of the best ways we have to express the unity that exists among all Catholic parishes.

I am pleased to report that toward our target of \$(target), (number of donors) gifts have already been received totaling \$(pledge total). This is (percent of target)% of our target from only (percent participation)% of our parish family! With so many of you making commitments today, I am confident that your gifts will bring us over our goal.

Every household is asked to fill out an envelope today, even if you have already given. First, print your name, address, phone number and email address on the envelope. (Pause and wait until all are finished.)

If you have already made a gift to the campaign, please write “AMEN” across the envelope. Thank you so much for your commitment!

If you have not yet made a gift, this is now your opportunity to join our parish effort. Please review the giving opportunities suggested in the envelope. When you are ready, please select the amount of a pledge on the envelope. Pledges are over a ten-month period. Archbishop Naumann has challenged all of us to participate and I encourage you to do the same. Finally check how you would like to make your payments on the pledge – monthly, quarterly, or other. The Office of Stewardship & Development at the Archdiocese will send reminders based on the plan you choose.

We want to hear from everyone! Those we have not heard from after today, we will attempt to contact soon. Please turn in an envelope today! When you're finished, seal your envelope, and ushers will collect them. If you need additional time, please keep the envelope and drop it in the offertory basket next weekend. Thank you very much for your participation in the *Archbishop's Call to Share*. I would like to especially thank (Lay Presenter(s) and Parish Appeal Coordinator) for the leadership they have provided in helping me with this important effort. Our success means a great deal to me and this parish. God bless each of you for your generosity.