

In Pew Presentation Script – 2/11-12/17

This weekend we are conducting the in-pew portion of the annual Catholic Service's Appeal. Remember your pledge supports the work of the many ministries funded by the CSA. I again thank those who have already made a pledge, either in past years or as a result of the mailing you recently received. I can assure you the funds given are deeply appreciated by the people that benefit from our donations. Remember, too, that all of your gifts to the CSA will be used solely for the CSA ministries. The CSA is a very effective way to support ministry outside of our parish boundaries, including Catholic Charities and Archdiocesan youth initiatives. This parish has a history of not reaching its CSA goal and I hope we can change that this year. Remember, a portion of your dollars comes right back to St. Patrick's.

At this time I invite the hospitality ministers to begin handing out pledge envelopes. I also invite one member of each household to please raise your hand so you can be provided with an envelope. Please take an envelope even if you have already given or cannot give at this time; there is a box on the envelope for those who have already made a pledge and a place for those who choose not to make a pledge at this time. There are pencils at the end of each pew – would those people at the ends please pass pencils to those in the middle. As you begin filling out the form, you will notice there are suggested monthly pledge amounts provided on the right side of the document.

First complete your personal information: name, address, etc. Then indicate your parish so we will receive credit for your gift. If you are a visitor, indicate the name of your home parish. If you have already made a pledge or gift, please check the appropriate box and if you do, do not indicate any financial information on the form, or your pledge may be double-counted. If you are making a pledge at this time, please look at the gift boxes on the right side of the form and either check one of the amounts or check the other box and indicate the full amount of your pledge. If you'd like, you may make a down payment today or even pay the full amount; however, that is not necessary. You will also notice you can

pay over 10 months, something I have started doing. This allows me to make a larger contribution than I would otherwise be able to. If you do not wish to contribute, please check the box indicated.

When you have completed the form, please tear it off, place it in the envelope and seal it. The hospitality ministers and their helpers will then collect the pledge envelopes; return the pencils to the ends of the pews. If you have not had time to complete the form, you may bring it next week and drop in the collection basket. I thank you in advance for considering a contribution.