

**SAMPLE LETTER FROM PASTOR TO BE PLACED IN THE BULLETIN ON THE  
WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2024**

November 3, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**I cannot thank you enough for the extraordinary impact we have accomplished *together* in our ministries and the mission of the Church.**

As we prepare to launch the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) **Pledge Weekend** on **November 9 and 10**, I want to express my gratitude to you for the many blessings we enjoy in the Diocese of Yakima because of your commitment and financial generosity to the Church in Central Washington.

**The Holy Spirit is truly at work through you!**

Each year, we have a special opportunity to answer Christ's call uniquely through our Annual Catholic Appeal. On Pledge Weekend, we can renew our personal commitment to participate as good stewards more fully in His mission for the Church. What a blessing!

Through the ACA, we share Christ's message by serving countless people in ways we may not realize. We all enjoy the fruits of the work of the Diocesan ministries and programs funded by the ACA. When we use God's blessing to make our annual pledge to the ACA, we join with all our sisters and brothers in **38** other parish communities throughout the Diocese to do the Lord's work — work that no one individual or parish can do alone.

Our parish goal this year is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and your financial support will assist us in reaching that goal. All funds collected more than this goal will be returned to our parish for use in our ministries and programs.

I support the ACA and encourage you to do so as well. I hope every parish household will make some pledge or gift this year. I urge you to prayerfully consider your financial situation and make the most generous pledge your circumstances will allow. Consider the suggested pledge plan and spread your payments over several months if more convenient.

Thank you for your generosity. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

**Signature**

Rev. John Smith, Pastor

