

Sample Bulletin Announcements

(Bulletin Announcement #1) **Two weeks prior to Appeal Sunday (sample layout):**



Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

In two weeks, our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As disciples of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to be ready to bring the love of Jesus to others. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so help others encounter Christ in a personal way. There are many ministries and apostolates that the Diocese can offer that we as a single parish cannot. Recruitment and training of priests, vocation discernment program for young men, marriage preparation, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, Catholic Charities programs... these are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Peoria. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, makes it possible to provide these services.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's appeal.

(Bulletin Announcement #2)

One week Prior to Appeal Sunday: Next weekend, September 9-10, we will begin our Annual Diocesan Appeal, which is an opportunity to help the Catholic Diocese of Peoria raise necessary funds for many ministries and apostolates that we as a single parish cannot offer. **This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to support the Appeal. The mailing will include a pledge card and a return envelope addressed directly to the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge over eight months or a one time gift.** We will have pledge cards available in the pews next weekend for those who have not received them in mail.

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.

(Bulletin Announcement #3)

Appeal Sunday: Today, the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Peoria. It is time for us to do what we can to support not only our Diocese but the programs and ministries that benefit our parish and our community. If you have not made your pledge by mail, please fill out the pledge card in your pew. **The goal for our parish is _____** and we can reach it only with your help.

Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account or online at www.cdop.org/ada. Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 309-671-1550 for more information.

(Bulletin Announcement #4)

Follow Up Sunday: The 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you received your pledge card in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. If you have not, there are pledge cards in the narthex/pews. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to help us_____.

(Bulletin Announcement #5)

After receiving the first ADA report: Thank you to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. To date, we have received ____ gifts/pledges totaling \$_____ towards our goal of \$_____. Your gift supports ministries that give food to the hungry, education to all who desire to join the Catholic Faith, training to our seminarians, Pre-Cana for engaged couples, adult faith formation, support for parishes and leadership in our schools so that the next generation will carry on the Catholic Faith that we so lovingly cherish. If you have not completed a pledge card, please do so. There are envelopes in the vestibule / pews. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us_____. To those who have pledged, thank you!

Following weeks:

Have you made a pledge for the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal? There is still time. A gift to the ADA, large or small, can go a long way. Consider a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for eight months. There are envelopes in the vestibule / pews. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us_____. To date, we have received ____ gifts/pledges totaling \$_____ towards our goal of \$_____. To those who have pledged, thank you!

Or:

Thanks to the generosity of ____ parish families, we are well on our way towards our goal of \$_____. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge card with your response today. There are cards on the tables in the back of church. Your gift helps support the central ministries of our diocese including religious education of our young people, faith formation of adults, training of our future priests, Newman Centers on our college campuses and much more. Every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us_____. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.