

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please use these announcements in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Service Highlights and/or Catholic Charities Q & A document included in this manual.

Sample Bulletin Announcement #1 - Announcement Weekend Feb. 24-25

(For use PRIOR TO Parish Appeal Weekend March 3rd & 4th)

As our parish enters into this holy Lenten season, please consider our own Catholic Charities for a special donation this year. Catholic Charities began 96 years ago to meet the needs of people here in northeast Ohio, offering food, shelter, guidance and support. Perhaps someone in your family, past or present, has felt God's presence through the health and human services Catholic Charities offers. Today, *our* Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Cleveland serves over 300,000 people each year and provides 143 different service programs. **The 2007 Catholic Charities Parish Appeal is next weekend here in our parish. Special in-pew envelopes will be available.** Please plan to make a gift next weekend to help us **help your neighbors in need.** Every donation makes a difference.

For more information, contact our diocesan office at 1-800-869-6525 ext. 1910 or visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

Sample Bulletin Announcement #2 - Parish Appeal Weekend March 3-4

(written FROM THE PASTOR)

Lent is a season of giving—giving up, giving in, forgiving and giving to others. *Please consider Catholic Charities for a special donation this weekend* as the **2007 Catholic Charities Parish Appeal** takes place here in our parish. Catholic Charities started 96 years ago to meet the needs of people here in northeast Ohio, offering food, shelter, guidance and support. Today, *our* Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Cleveland serves over 300,000 people each year and provides 143 different service programs. Catholic Charities pledge envelopes are in your pew today. Please be generous. **You can direct your pledge to a certain area of need, and pledges can be paid in monthly or quarterly installments, making it easier to be charitable. See the envelope for details. Every donation is important.** Thank God for the blessings given to you by sharing with others. **If you have already made your 2007 pledge by mail, thank you for your commitment to help us help your neighbors in need.**

With gratitude, Rev. _____

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Sample Bulletin Announcement #3
- Follow-up Weekend March 10-11

(For use the WEEKS AFTER Parish Appeal Weekend)

Catholic Charities began 96 years ago to meet the needs of people right here in our area, offering food, shelter, guidance and support to those less fortunate. Many of them were immigrants whose legacy is God's Church here in northeast Ohio. The needs of the past are still with us, and in many areas, those needs are growing. Today, *our* Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Cleveland serves over 300,000 people each year and provides 143 different service programs. Government funding alone cannot provide all the services. **If you were not able to make a gift last weekend, I encourage you to do so this weekend.** If you have already made a gift here at the parish or by mail, thank you for your generosity. Every donation affects lives—lives of children, adults and our older generation living right here in our diocese. **You can effectively help us help your neighbors in need.**

Catholic Charities pledge envelopes are available in the church lobby [or insert other location]. Pledges can be paid in monthly or quarterly installments, and you can direct your pledge to an area of service you choose. See the envelope for details. Please be generous.

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