

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES PULPIT 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 Pulpit Announcement #1** **- Announcement Weekend Feb. 24-25**

*(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, visit [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org) or see the bulletin.

### **Sample Pulpit Announcement #2** **- Parish Appeal Weekend March 3-4**

*We encourage parishes to use the recorded message from Bishop Lennon regarding the 2007 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. For those without capability of using the CD, a printed copy of Bishop Lennon's remarks are included so that they can be shared with the parishioners by reading them aloud and/or printing them for the bulletin.*

*Example announcement after using recorded message:*

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 take one and carefully consider to what extent you can help. 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. Every donation is important.**

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**Sample Pulpit 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. Every donation affects lives—lives of children, adults and our older generation. 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.

**Thank you for your generous response to last week's Catholic Charities Parish Appeal. For those of you who were not able to donate last week, Catholic Charities pledge envelopes are still 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 additional information. Please be generous.**

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