

LAY WITNESS SCRIPT – SAMPLE #2

WHY SUPPORT THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL?

Hello, my name is _____. I'm a volunteer here at _____ Parish. I'd like to talk to you for just a few minutes about the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

First, I'd like to ask for a show of hands. Please keep your hands up.

How many of you have ever been a part of an adult religious education program?

How many have ever attended, or had children in, Catholic schools or in faith formation classes?

How many have ever been in the hospital or at home and been visited by a minister of care?

How many of you were married in the Catholic Church and went through marriage preparation classes?

Look at those hands. Those are just a few of the people in this parish who have been helped by the BAA. That's right -- without the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Diocese may not have been able to afford the many training programs that produce volunteer teachers and lay ministers to reach out to our families and friends; the sick, and the needy. I just wanted you to realize how much your generosity means to the future of our Catholic Church, not only here at _____ (name of Parish), but all over Northwest Missouri.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

I'm not talking about a big sacrifice. I am just asking you to give whatever you feel you can afford for the daily needs of those served through the over 30 ministries, services and programs. Some of us may be able to give \$100, others can give \$300, while others may be able to give more than \$500. I ask that you give according to your means; according to the gifts that our Lord has bestowed upon you. Please remember, what you give to the Appeal helps children and families throughout our diocese, but also serves ministries right here at _____.

So please, look into your heart and join me in giving from the heart to this Appeal.

Thank you, and may God bless you.