



House of Charity
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Walk
With Me

2018 In-Pew Weekend Liturgy Aid

Including the “Celebrant’s Script”

This Liturgy Aid, provided by email to Parishes and Music Directors, offers assistance in planning parish liturgies for *House of Charity* solicitation weekend:

- Hymns and General Intercession recommendations have been provided by the Diocesan Worship Office to help pair the Gospel of the day with the Appeal theme of *Walk with Me*.
- The “Celebrant’s Script” with suggested homily segues for both winter and summer parishes begins on page 4.

Since Bishop Sullivan is unable to preach at every Mass in every Church for the *House of Charity* solicitation weekend, he has prepared a video that ties in the opportunity we have to live the Gospel through support of the Annual Appeal. The video DVD is included in your 2018 materials received at Launch and can also be streamed from our website, www.camdendiocese.org/hoc.

Pastors are asked to forward these materials to their staff for planning purposes, and to their clergy who will assist with these liturgies.

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PREPARATION: PRIOR TO IN-PEW SOLICITATION WEEKEND

1. Mail the “Pastor’s Pre-In-Pew Letter” to your parishioners 1 to 3 weeks prior to your in-pew solicitation. Sample provided at the end of this booklet and on the *House of Charity* website (“Parish Team Resources” link).
2. Arrange to have the “Special Bulletin Insert” in your Parish Bulletin, to run the weekend prior to the *House of Charity* solicitation. Sample provided at the end of this booklet and on the *House of Charity* website (“Parish Team Resources” link).
3. Provide your music ministry with a copy of the music suggestions.
4. Set up and test your DVD equipment.
5. Provide a copy of the Homily Segues and “Celebrant’s Script for Appeal Weekend” (provided in this booklet) at the ambo for all Masses.
6. Incorporate one or more of the suggested petitions (suggestions provided at the end of this booklet) into the General Intercessions.
7. Deliver the pledge cards and pens/pencils to church for the weekend of the In-Pew Solicitation.
8. Instruct your ushers on how and when to distribute the pledge cards and pencils/pens, and how and when to collect them:
 - Please note that there are two ways to *collect* the completed pledge cards during the Mass. This Guide describes both options.
 - If your ushers will be collecting your completed pledge cards, please prepare them to do so.

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

For English-speaking Congregations:

Some may be common to all publishers; some may appear in only one publisher's resource.

Many are familiar to congregations for singing; some may be suitable for choir alone as prelude or offertory.

- I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
- We Walk by Faith
- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
- The Summons
- Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
- Lift High the Cross
- In the Breaking of the Bread
- The Servant Song
- Lord, When you Came to the Seashore (Pescador)
- Only This I Want
- Lord Whose Love in Humble Service
- I Will Choose Christ
- Mary First Among Believers
- Guide My Feet
- Take Up Your Cross
- We Are Many Parts
- Christ be Beside Me
- Lead Me, Guide Me
- Lead Me Lord

MUSIC SUGGESTIONS

For Spanish and Bilingual Congregations:

- Juntos Como Hermanos (by Cesareo Gabarain) OCP Publications (Canto de Acogimiento) Gathering Hymn
- Vamos Peregrinos/ Sing Out Pilgrim People (Pedro Rubalcava) WLP Publications - Bilingual
- (Canto de Acogimiento) Gathering Hymn
- Pueblo Santo y Elegido (WLP Publications & OCP Publications) Bilingual
- Percador de Hombres/ Lord you Have Come (by Cesareo Gabarain) Bilingual
- Caminaré en Presencia del Señor(Juan Espinosa) OCP Publications
- Grita Profeta (by Emilio Vicente Mateu) OCP Publications
- Canción del Misionero – OCP Publications
- Un Pueblo que Camina (by Emilio Vicente Mateu) OCP Publications
- El Viñador (by Gabarain) OCP Publications
- Salgamos a Llevar el Evangelio (by Santiago Fernández) OCP Publications (Canto de Envío – Sending Forth)
- Somos Pueblo Misionero (Correa- Thille) OCP Publications (Canto de Envío – Sending Forth)
- En Tus Manos (by Roger Hernández) OCP Publications (Canto de Envío – Sending Forth)

OFRENDA:

A special Spanish-language celebrant's script and liturgy called "OFRENDA – *la Viuda de las dos Monedas*" has been provided to all parishes with Spanish-language worship sites.

A hard copy of "OFRENDA" can be found in your 2018 Appeal Launch materials. Electronic versions are on your parish data CD and in the "Parish Team Resources" and "Español" sections of the House of Charity web pages:

www.camdendiocese.org/hoc.

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CELEBRANT'S SCRIPT INTRO

Homily segues for Winter Solicitation Weekend (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 3 & 4, 2018)

1st Reading: Job 7 : 1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9 : 16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1 : 29-39

In today's readings, we hear Jesus call us to join Him in service and ministry.

As we listen to Job lament about the vanity of man's labor, we hear his suffering and are reminded how difficult life can be. Job gives voice to many of our own doubts as we encounter life's adversities.

In the second reading, St. Paul speaks to us about responsibility.

Even in moments of personal adversity, we must be ministers in service to others.

In the gospel, we once again, encounter suffering. Simon Peter's mother in law is in the grip of a fever. During these times, a fever is very dangerous. We hear Jesus "raises her up" and the fever left her and she "served them".

This speaks to us about Jesus' mission, to serve, rather than be served. As Jesus served, he brought about participation. He invites us to join Him, even during difficult times.

God invites us to walk with Him in community and in service.

The *House of Charity – Bishops Annual Appeal* gives us an opportunity to sacrifice and serve, as Jesus did.

The *House of Charity, Bishop's Annual Appeal* provides us with the opportunity to walk with others. Through support of the appeal, we respond to Christ's invitation to *Walk With Me* and bring the presence of God to our neighbors throughout our South Jersey community

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Homily segues for Summer Solicitation Weekend

(May 26 & 27, 2018 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - dates may be modified if necessary)

Gospel: Matthew 28 : 16-20

Today's gospel reminds us that we are called to carry on Christ's mission. Jesus invites us to discipleship. We are called to share the 'good news' and to invite others to join His mission, in the name of the Father - the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells His disciples, "I am always with you - yes, to the end of time."

This gospel reading is often referred to as the Great Commission. We are commissioned to go forth and evangelize – to share our faith and to live Christ's teachings.

We are invited to walk with Jesus and build community.

Jesus glorified God on earth by accomplishing the work he was given to do on earth. Jesus commissions us to continue that work.

The House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal enables us to continue that work. As we answer God's call to discipleship, we bring a power beyond the total of one individual to glorify God by continuing Jesus' ministry on earth.

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CELEBRANT'S SCRIPT

Local parish needs: All parishes that achieve goal receive 10% of all funds collected up to the goal, and 75% of all funds collected above the goal.

- If you are able to increase your donation by just 10%, you will help our parish support the ministries that bring God's love to those in need.
- Some may not be aware, the average gift to the House of Charity is around \$330.00. Many give more and many give less. If we could increase donations closer to \$330, the Diocese will reach our goal of \$7.73M
- Due to the success of last year's campaign, our parish received \$_____ in January and we anticipate receiving \$_____ in April this year to assist with our needs here locally.

[Note for celebrant:]

[Speak personally about one of the case components. Passionately explain why YOU personally feel so strongly about the importance of that particular ministry. People will be more apt to give if the celebrant is passionate and enthusiastic about how the HOUSE OF CHARITY – BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL can benefit the Church. Examples may include a personal story of a family assisted by Catholic Charities, or a local seminarian who will receive assistance.]

You should have received a letter from Bishop Sullivan asking you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the *House of Charity*. You should have received a letter from me, the pastor, asking you to support the *House of Charity*. I personally ask you now, to make a commitment to support the vital programs that help us to live the Gospel both in our parish and throughout the diocese.

I am pleased to announce that already over \$_____ has been raised towards the minimum Diocesan need of \$7.73 million. As a sign of support for the Annual Appeal, the priests and deacons alone have contributed \$_____! I am also proud to announce that here at our own parish we have already raised \$_____ on a goal of \$_____ from only _____ families. This is a generous average gift of \$_____! By your gift to the House of Charity, you are responding to God's call to share His compassion and love with others.

As this important effort continues, we now invite all families of our parish to participate and join us in making a sacrificial pledge that will assist countless other families who do not have the corporal or spiritual benefits that we enjoy. This weekend has been designated as Bishop's Appeal Weekend.

This effort is so important and vital to sustaining ministries that go beyond our parish abilities to serve locally, so I want us to pray together as we begin. I ask that the ushers/volunteers pass out the special cards to each family at this time. I ask that at least one representative from each family take a commitment card and pencil, and first turn to the prayer at the back of the card. [PAUSE]

With prayerful consideration, we can make our sacrifice a personal reflection of our particular financial situation and appreciation for the gifts

we have been given. With that in mind, we pray the prayer on the reverse of your in-pew cards together:

O Merciful God

You are the provider of all that we are and all that we have.
You open wide your hand to provide for the needs of every living creature.
Make us always grateful for your loving Mercy and grant
that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns
One God forever and ever. Amen.

We are asking each family to consider a pledge today, if you have not already done so. Our goal is for an informed decision from every family. Since we hope to reach every family about the importance of the *House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal*, your completion of a card today will let us know that we may not need to contact you by mail or by phone. By making a pledge, you have the opportunity to perpetuate that sacrifice over a period of time, just as the needs of others continue over a period of time.

The sacrifices you make so that others can experience God’s presence in their lives will be richly rewarded.

I would bet that most people in this room above about the age of 8 could complete this card on their own with their name, address, phone, email and parish.

HOWEVER, here is what will be helpful to our parish staff, and the *House of Charity* staff at the diocese, in the way you fill out the card.

Please highlight these items which prevent MANY errors.

It is important to complete the card with full names & addresses and parish

- 1) Use your formal name: Mr. and Mrs. Robert (and Amanda) Smith
 - a. After you write out your name, we will be matching it up with a label that has your ID# on it. This makes sure you don’t get your son’s or daughter’s pledge mail. Although if they want to pay for yours, I’m sure you won’t mind. They may not wish to pay yours however.
 - b. Robert and Amanda Smith could be Father and Daughter, so the formal version using your title helps us.
 - c. Smith Family can be a problem too – I think you understand...

2) PLEASE WRITE OUR PARISH NAME AND CITY – This makes sure we receive credit toward our goal. If you miss writing it, we have to write it and that takes more time. If we miss it too, your gift could be attributed to the wrong parish.

We're asking every "DONOR" to complete a card (could be more than 1 per family). Even if you've already made your gift, if you have not received an acknowledgement from us yet, please complete a card now so we can be sure we have not missed you – AND SO YOU DON'T RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL MAIL OR CALLS.

God is calling you to a gift that is specific to your ability of sacrifice. You're asked to complete that pledge amount now by checking one of the boxes. Remember, a pledge over a period of time, enables you to extend your sacrifice.

If you've already given your gift to me or one of the staff, or if you donate through your workplace giving program, I thank you for your proactive concern in making a difference, and ask you now to please check that box.

If you prefer to make a donation online, you will find a shortened URL and QR code for your use. Please know, the online method for donations is secure.

Please check the box to pledge your prayers for the holy discernment of people choosing their life's vocation, so they will listen to and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Please note our **new vocations**:

19 seminarians in formation for the priesthood;
and 18 candidates in formation
for the permanent diaconate!

To help us "Go Green," please add your email address.

Finally, please sign and date the card on the line provided.

COLLECTING THE CARDS – 2 OPTIONS

PLEASE collect the cards during the Mass!!

If cards are taken home, they get forgotten
and this makes your team have to work harder to collect these gifts.

Option #1 – Parishioners fill out card and one family representative comes forward to drop it in a basket in front of altar.

Regardless of your decision, please fill out a card today. I ask one representative from each family to then come forward to drop your commitment card in the basket in front of the altar. On behalf of all those who will be assisted by your generosity, you have my deepest gratitude. Thank you and God bless.

[At this time the organist can play a few minutes of one of the suggested pieces or other light music while parishioners fill out their cards, and drop their cards in the basket.]

Option #2 – Parishioners fill out card and ushers come around to collect cards.

Regardless of your decision, please fill out a card today. In a few minutes I will have the ushers come around to collect all the cards. On behalf all those who will be assisted by your generosity, you have my deepest gratitude. Thank you and God bless.

[At this time the organist can play a few minutes of one of the suggested pieces or other light music while parishioners fill out their cards. Cue the ushers to collect the cards in the collection baskets once parishioners look like they have completed their cards.]

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

That by offering our prayers, fasting and almsgiving for the success of the *House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal*, sufficient funding is raised to keep our vital programs operating and reaching those who are the most vulnerable. Let us pray to the Lord.

That our Pastors, Clergy and volunteers may be inspired with true hope in the benefits of the *House of Charity* campaign, as they invite their parishioners to join in this mission of love. Let us pray to the Lord.

For Francis, our Pope, and Dennis, our Bishop, all bishops, priests, deacons and all who serve the Church that they may imitate the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have responded so generously in the past to the *House of Charity - Bishop’s Annual Appeal*. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who will be asked to respond this year to the *House of Charity - Bishop’s Annual Appeal* that they will respond generously so that the Diocese of Camden will be able to continue to care for those in need. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who will benefit from the programs and services funded by the *House of Charity*, may they see Jesus coming to them in the generous sacrifices we have made in His Name. Let us pray to the Lord.

That those who hear Christ’s invitation respond to His call and share his message of compassion and love throughout our Diocese. Let us pray to the Lord.

PRE-IN PEW LETTER FROM PASTOR

Suggested wording for the pastor's letter to your parishioners prior to the in-pew solicitation. Recommended to be sent on parish letterhead with the pastor's signature, 1-3 weeks before in-pew weekend (mid to late January for winter parishes; early to mid-May for summer parishes).

Electronic versions can be found in the "Parish Team Resources" section of the House of Charity website www.camdendiocese.org/hoc and on your 2018 parish data CD.

SAMPLE PRE-IN PEW LETTER FROM PASTOR
(Recommended to be sent on parish letterhead with pastor's signature, 1-3 weeks prior to the in-pew solicitation.)

Month Day, 2018

Name
Address
Address 2
City, State Zip

Dear _____:

Very soon, you will receive a letter from Bishop Sullivan that will include the 2018 *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal* materials.

This year, the campaign theme *Walk with Me* offers us an opportunity to walk with Christ and bring His love to others. By your generosity, we are able to serve the increasing needs of our brothers and sisters throughout our community.

By supporting the *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal*, you are supporting the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden that actually serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our community. When we support the House of Charity, we strengthen our Catholic community.

Walk with Me reminds us that we are all in this together. Life is a journey in faith, and when we walk together, we share in God's love and inspired to serve others.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Rev. _____

BULLETIN INSERTS: FULL-PAGE

Electronic versions are on the House of Charity website www.camdendiocese.org/hoc in the "Parish Team Resources" section and on your parish data CD.



I invite you to Walk with Me and learn about those who have benefitted from the programs and ministries made possible by your gift to the *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal*.

SOCIAL, COMMUNITY AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES -
"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23: 4
Your generosity provides services through Catholic Charities offices in each county of South Jersey. In addition, Home and Parish Healthcare Services of the Diocese of Camden brings new life and spirit into the hearts of those we cherish the most – our elderly and disabled, along with their families and caregivers. Together, we offer support to the weak, vulnerable and disenfranchised.

EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION -
"And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace. And they walked about in the midst of the flames, singing hymns to God and blessing the Lord." Daniel 3:23 – 4:1
Lay leadership training, intercultural ministries, ministry with the deaf and persons with disabilities, marriage enrichment, adult faith formation, liturgical catechesis and other evangelization efforts, along with your gifts, kindle the fire of faith into a bright beacon for all to see.

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES -
"Tobit's Youth and Virtuous Life 7, Tobit, walked in the ways of truth and righteousness all the days of my life, and I performed many acts of charity to my brethren and countrymen who went with me into the land of the Assyrians, to Nin'eveh." Tobit 1:3
Your donation enables programs like Summer in the City, Catholic Scouting, Theology on Tap, college campus ministries and Newman Centers, and support for a growing number of parish-based Youth Ministry programs and many more activities to build community and prepare our youth and young adults for the mission that God has chosen for them.

VOCATIONS, SEMINARIAN & PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION, CARE OF PRIESTS -
"Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father what thou hast promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a man before me to sit upon the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' 1 Kings 8:25
Your support ensures that pastors and clergy continue to bring the light of Jesus into the world. Through prayers and support, we currently have 19 seminarians from the Diocese of Camden.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION – "FORMING MINDS AND HEARTS IN GRACE" -
"True instruction[a] was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity." Malachi 2:6
Catholic schools are an integral part of the teaching mission of the Church.
Catholic schools build faith, develop leadership ability and provide academic excellence in a safe environment.
Your gift will help keep tuition affordable for families to send children to schools that will support Catholic values, develop character and provide academic excellence.

INCENTIVES FOR PARISH INITIATIVES -
"I will give heed to the way that is blameless. Oh when wilt thou come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house." Psalm 101:2
When our parish collects its goal amount, up to 10% is returned to our parish for our local charitable needs.
Additionally, 75% of all funds received above our parish goal will also be returned to our parish to foster our charitable and ministerial work.

Our goal here at _____ Parish is \$_____ – but we have already raised an incredible \$_____ from the contributions of only ___ families! That's an average gift of over \$_____.! Now we invite all parishioners to participate in this important effort. During House of Charity Appeal Weekend, please make your sacrificial gift to help continue the mission of the Church here in the Diocese of Camden.

IN-PEW CARD

Hard copies were provided in your 2018 Launch Materials. An electronic version can be found on the House of Charity website www.camdendiocese.org/hoc under "Ways to Give", then "Mail a Check".

	House of CHARITY BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL		
Total Gift	Initial Invoice	+6 Monthly Payments of	Daily Sacrifice
\$5,000	\$1,000	\$667	\$21.52
\$3,000	\$500	\$417	\$13.45
\$1,500	\$150	\$225	\$7.26
\$1,000	\$100	\$150	\$4.84 <small>BALANCE</small>
\$500	\$50	\$75	\$2.42 <small>SOME & BIG CUPS</small>
\$250	\$40	\$35	\$1.13 <small>LARGE CUP OF COFFEE</small>

Online Giving Page: <http://bit.ly/houseofcharity> I will pray for vocations.



Signed: _____ Date: _____

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For new donors, please indicate whether Member or Visitor

To support the House of Charity, I am pleased to give a

Total Gift of:	\$ _____	Check #: _____
Down Payment:	\$ _____	Check Date:
Balance: \$ _____ The balance will be paid in: _____ (# monthly installments). Invoicing starts in April and ends the following March.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge to: Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover Card Number: _____ Name on card: _____ Expiration Date & CSV: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parish office, please call me at the number below for this info. <input type="checkbox"/> I have already made my sacrificial gift to the <i>House of Charity</i> : <input type="checkbox"/> through my workplace giving program <input type="checkbox"/> directly to the Pastor <input type="checkbox"/> I am thinking about my decision. Please call me. <input type="checkbox"/> I am unable to make a pledge today.		
NAME: _____ SPOUSE (IF APPLICABLE): _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE WITH AREA CODE: _____ EMAIL: _____ PARISH: _____		

Please make your check payable to the "House of Charity"

O Merciful God,

You are the provider of all that we are and all that we have.

You open wide your hand to provide for the needs of every living creature.

Make us always grateful for your loving Mercy and grant

that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns

One God forever and ever.

Amen.

2018 Campaign Prayer

Walk with Me

Lord, You call all people to walk with You and to walk
with our brothers and sisters in need.

You walked into the homes and villages where those
most in need of You waited for Your coming,

Let us walk in Your footsteps.

I pray that You *Walk with Me* and guide me in hope,
peace and joy.

As I walk with compassion, lead me to those who are
in need and guide me in my charity.

As I walk beside You Lord please – *Walk with Me* - so
that Your love is shared and received by those who
need it most,

Amen.