

CSA Lay Advocates/Witness Script

(Please feel free to edit, amend, or modify.)

Good (Morning/Afternoon/Evening).

My name is [NAME] and I have been a member of [PARISH] for [YEARS] years. [DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE PARISH AND/OR ARCHDIOCESE].

Father [PASTOR NAME] has invited me to speak to you today on behalf of the Archdiocese of Louisville's 2023 Catholic Services Appeal.

Since the Catholic Services Appeal began in 1968, it has served as the Archbishop's annual invitation to the people of the Archdiocese of Louisville to partner in the work of the local Church. The Appeal is one of three primary sources of funding which support more than 100 ministries and services within the Archdiocese. These ministries provide for the spiritual and temporal needs of thousands of individuals and families as well as the parishes and schools within the Archdiocese. The scope of this work is well beyond the ability of our parish or any other single parish. Funds raised from the Appeal truly do support the work of our Church by helping to *Bring Christ to Others*.

I personally support the Catholic Services Appeal because – **SHARE YOUR PERSONAL IMPACT STORY**

Each speaker should personalize this part of his or her talk. Take time to reflect on why you feel that it is important to support the Appeal.

Suggestions:

You may give out of a sense of stewardship to honor God by returning a just portion of the blessings received from God.

You may wish to briefly share how you have experienced firsthand the work of one or more of the agencies of the Archdiocese in your personal life, a family member's life, or your parish's life. (Your pastor or parish staff can help with this last area.)

You may give in response to our call as Catholics to support the work of the Church beyond your parish boundaries.

You might relate how your parents set a wonderful example by their faithful support of the Appeal.

I ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in supporting this year's Catholic Services Appeal. Your gift or pledge, in any amount, makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ and helps us **Bring Christ to Others**. You can make a gift easily by scanning the QR code in the bulletin, online or by using the envelopes you will find in your pew.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our faith community. Your generosity and your prayers for the success of the Appeal are very much appreciated.

Thank You.