

## Follow-Up In-Pew Appeal Weekend: May 31- June 1

### In- Pew 2 Script

*To be presented by the Pastor on In-Pew 2 Weekend*

This weekend, we will offer another opportunity to support Catholic Charities here in our Diocese. This is a follow-up to our February weekend, where you may not have attended Mass due to the winter storm that occurred that weekend. At the Masses, I shared the impact of the important work that we support through the Appeal. All donations to the follow-up appeal will be invested in our Help Me Grow programs.

Help Me Grow is a vital service provided in all 8 counties of the Diocese that helps new parents get the guidance and support they need as they begin their parenting journey. All donations to this second appeal will directly help babies and young children get the support they need to grow successfully and make a positive impact on our communities.

In 2024, Catholic Charities' Help Me Grow program helped 400 families across the Diocese with in-home visits and training to help navigate the hard, early years of parenting and ensure young ones start life from a place of stability and trust. The program offers education and practice for parents and child development resources, in addition to helping with the cost of necessities like diapers, formula, and food for families.

The Help Me Grow program is a service of peace that is pivotal in strengthening relationships between parents and children, leading to reductions in trauma cycles and childhood food insecurity. Help Me Grow gives new parents the support they need to raise healthy, happy children.



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Today, I am asking you to provide Peace to new parents in the community. If you have already given, please consider giving again to support this needed program throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

(Call on volunteers/ushers to pass out the envelopes)

I now ask one member of each household to take a pledge envelope and together we will all complete the pledge form. This will only take a few minutes.

(Pause and make sure that everyone has received a pledge envelope and pencil. Pay special attention to people who are standing and in the cry room or choir loft. Once everyone has an envelope, continue with the script.)

Now, please open the flap and remove the pencil. Remember; do not place the pencil back into the envelope when you are finished.

(Pause and wait until about half of those participating are looking back at you.)

Please print your first name, last name, and if married, your spouse's name on the top line.

(Pause)

Next, please print your complete street address and indicate if this is a new address.

(Pause)

Please print your telephone number, indicating if it is a cell or home phone, and add your email.

(Pause)

Now, please print our parish name and city.

(Pause)

Please go to the right side of the envelope and indicate your pledge amount, knowing that you can make your payments in equal installments through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to contribute an amount other than the ones indicated, please check the “Other” box and indicate the full amount of your pledge on the blank line.

(Pause)

Now, please look at the boxes under your pledge amount and indicate the total amount that you pledged in the first box.

In the second box, you can indicate that amount that you wish to enclose toward your pledge. There is no need to provide a down payment today unless you wish to do so. You will receive monthly reminder statements until your pledge is paid in full. Please note you can give via check or Credit Card.

(Pause)

If you wish to use your credit card, please go to the section at the bottom left of the pledge form and indicate if you want your total pledge amount to be charged in a single payment, if you want Catholic Charities to set up equal, automatic monthly charge payments and if you want this monthly charge to become a recurring monthly gift.

Complete the additional credit card information being sure to include the expiration date, the 3-digit security code, don't forget to sign your name.

(Pause)

Keeping the pencil separate, please tear off the pledge form, insert it into the envelope with your check, if applicable, and seal the envelope. Now, please place the envelopes and pencils in the basket as it comes to you.

On behalf of Bishop Malesic and myself, but most of all, on behalf of those who will benefit most from your support of children and families, thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charities 2025 Appeal.

May God bless you.