



Walk in Faith.  
Give in Joy.

**Follow-Up In-Pew Appeal Weekend  
May 18-19  
In-Pew Script**

**Introduction**

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 I shared the impact of the important work that we are supporting through the Appeal. All donations to the follow-up appeal will be invested in Camp Christopher's Camps for Persons with Disabilities to help create a camp without limits for children and adults with special needs. Also, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, all **new, increased or additional gifts** to Catholic Charities returned in these envelopes **will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000.**

I would like to share with you Nate's story which brings to life the impact that you can have on another's life through your generosity.

**Nate's Story**

For Nate, Camp Christopher's Respite Weekends for adolescents and adults with disabilities, are the highlight of his month. As a nonverbal autistic adult with special needs, Nate's parents were hesitant to send him away for an entire weekend at first. But three years later, Camp Christopher has become a second home to Nate.

Nate's mom, Jeannine, explains that, "The staff treats Nate like a real person, not a disability." She also pointed out that, "With Camp Christopher we felt we finally found Nate's world and everything that he needs, especially friends and wonderful staff that are more like family."

Camp Christopher offers a unique opportunity for campers with disabilities to enjoy the same camp experiences as other campers their age. Here they have the ability to play, craft, swim, canoe, make friendships, and pray alongside their peers.

Because of people like you who support Catholic Charities, Nate is able to enjoy the programs and activities offered to campers with special needs at Camp Christopher.

In an effort to enhance their experience and increase the number of campers with special needs who can experience camp, **all donations raised through this year's Follow-Up Appeal will be invested in Camp Christopher's Disability Camps for camperships, cabin renovations for ADA compliance, programs and services for campers with special needs.**

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**Today, I am asking you to Walk in Faith and Give in Joy and consider making a new, increased or additional gift which will be matched up to \$100,000 by a generous donor.**

*(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)*

**If you do not want to give to the Appeal today, check that box now.**

*(Pause)*

**Please go to the right side of the envelope and indicate your pledge amount, knowing that you can make your payments in 5 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.**

**Remember that any new, increased, or additional gift for this year will be matched, so your gift will do twice as much good.**

*(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.**

*(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 5 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 Perez and myself, but most of all, on behalf of those who will benefit most from your support of children and adults with disabilities, thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal.**

**May God bless you.**