

## IN-PEW SCRIPT

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

*Good morning/evening.* As your pastor, I want to personally thank you for your past generous support for the mission of the Church through the Catholic Charities Appeal. Catholic Charities in Northeast Ohio is one of the oldest and largest Catholic Charities networks in the United States, serving nearly 400,000 people each year through 150 services and 60 locations in the eight counties of our Diocese. For more than 100 years, Catholic Charities has provided help and created hope for those who are most vulnerable and most in need, especially now during the health crisis of the past few years.

God calls each of us to share the gifts that He has provided us in support of the Church. As Catholics we must first support our parish, then our Diocese and the Church throughout the world. The Catholic Charities Appeal is a very effective way to support ministries outside of our parish boundaries – ministries that serve people who are most in need, here in our community and throughout our diocese.

The theme for the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal—“Be the Light”—reminds us that we must bring the light of faith and generosity to others, giving the promise of something new and different to people in need throughout Northeast Ohio.

The Catholic Charities Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic in the Diocese of Cleveland to unite with joy and gratitude for the gifts God has given, and to reach out in love to those who are less fortunate. Today, I am asking you to open your hands and hearts to embrace the poor, just as Jesus did. I am asking you to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year’s Catholic Charities Appeal.

I would be so pleased if we could achieve 100% participation from our parish in this year’s Appeal. Giving has a profound meaning for us as Catholics. We understand the importance of giving in return to the Lord for all He has given us. Your financial gift to this Appeal will make a real and lasting difference to men, women, and children who are in great need.

BE THE ROCK

*Be the* **LIGHT**