

Sample Letter from the Pastor to Those Not Making a Commitment

My Dear Friend in Christ,

As your pastor, it is my privilege to invite you to join many others in making a commitment to our Diocesan Catholic Appeal for 2017-18, which will support the important programs and agencies of the Diocese of Lubbock. God's work depends on your financial support.

The yearly Diocesan Catholic Appeal is extremely important for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock and N. Parish. I have noticed that you have not yet returned a commitment form for the 2017-18 DCA. Maybe you were out of town for a family or business event, or you needed more time to prayerfully consider this important decision.

May I personally encourage you to join with other N. parishioners who said, "Take Lord, Receive" by letting the bishop know the amount you intend to commit today? It is most deeply appreciated that you give this serious consideration. In a few weeks, we will list in the Sunday Bulletin (or newsletter or website) the names of all parishioners who have made a commitment to support the DCA.

As you may know, our parish goal is N., and any dollar raised over that amount will be shared equally with our parish in order to raise funds for N. **(debt retirement, new CCE materials, a building project, etc.)** I have enclosed a commitment form and a return envelope for your convenience. You may place the commitment in the collection basket on Sunday or mail it directly to the bishop at your convenience.

Thank you for joining us in this special diocesan-wide effort to serve our Most Reverend Robert Coerver and the work of the Church of Lubbock.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor

Name of Parish