



Together as One

Pastor Sample Talk:

This coming week you will receive an packet in the mail requesting your support of the 2024-2025 Together as One Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider making a gift and know that your gift will help fund ministries that benefit the more than 24,000 Catholic households and countless others throughout northwest Iowa.

Together as One (TAO) plays a vital role in supporting the programs, services and ministries essential to our parishes. In our increasingly interconnected world, not single parish can thrive in isolation. Together as One enables us to pool our resources and collectively support the broader mission of the Church.

As we look ahead to the 2024-2025 TAO Annual Appeal, let us recognize the challenges we have faced. Despite these challenges, our mission remains unchanged. We are all to be beacons of hope, rooted in community and centered on the Eucharist.

I am grateful for the guidance provided by our Diocesan offices, which serve as pillars of support for our parishes and schools. Together as One has a tangible impact on the lives of countless individuals. It embodies the essence of our Catholic faith—our willingness to carry each other's burdens and enriching our Church as a whole.

As we embark on this journey of faith and stewardship, may we be inspired by the example of Christ, who calls us to love one another as He has loved us. Together let us continue to build a community united in the Eucharist.

Here are just a few of the services and ministries that touch our parishes:

- Faith Formation
- Marriage & Family Life
- Pro-Life
- Office of Worship
- Parish Accounting
- Communications
- Safe Environment
- Catholic Charities



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Our parish goal this year is \$ _____. The average diocesan-wide contribution is \$184, which equates to just \$18 per month. I encourage you to set aside some time this week to reflect and pray over your pledge, considering how it aligns with your personal circumstances and the success of our appeal. Regardless of size, every contribution plays a significant role in supporting our parish community. Your participation in this appeal is deeply valued.

The needs of our fellow Catholics persist and your participation is essential to affect meaningful change. Let us strive to emulate the compassion and generosity of Christ, extending a helping hand to those in need and embodying His teachings in our daily lives.

May God bless you abundantly for your prayers and generosity. Thank you for your unwavering support of our parish community.



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