Dear <<Name(s)>>,

The God’s Gift Appeal campaign is very active in all parishes throughout the Diocese of Fargo and I am happy to announce that ______% of [Parish Name]’s registered households have contributed thus far. This is an encouraging start and I am asking you to join your fellow parishioners in supporting this Appeal with a generous pledge payable over the next eight months. We need your support because your contribution will make a difference!

Your gift to the God’s Gift Appeal will provide funding for 47 Catholic outreach ministries that help people throughout our diocese. I am hopeful that every household in our parish will take an active role in this effort. Many of our <<Parish Name>> families and individuals have been able to make a more substantial gift by pledging over the next ten months. I am asking you to consider a contribution of 1% of your income to the God’s Gift Appeal.

The success of the appeal depends on your active response in faith. As good stewards of God’s gifts, we are called to return to Him a share of the gifts he has given us. Your gift will help those in need. Your stewardship is a witness of your faith in Him. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

If my letter and your pledge to the Appeal have crossed in the mail, I extend my sincere thanks and ask for your continued prayers for our parish and the diocese. Please encourage others to serve one another as good stewards and support our diocese.

Thank you for all that you continue to do for His Church. May God bless you and your loved ones and keep all in His care.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

SIGNATURE
Pastor, parish/mission name
Sample Pastor’s Letter #2
GGA Leader's Note: You may use either sample letter #1 or #2, or write your own.

[Date]

Dear <<Name(s)>>,

You are special among the members of our faith community at <<Parish Name>>. I specifically appeal to you to help us meet our goal for the God’s Gift Appeal 2023. I see the Appeal as “our” Appeal. This is an effort of and for all the priests, religious and laity of the Diocese of Fargo. The God’s Gift Appeal ensures that more than 40 Catholic outreach ministries will continue helping all of us bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to Eastern North Dakota and beyond.

The God’s Gift Appeal supports the works of: Vocations and Seminary Education, Marriage Preparation, Family Life Ministry, Catholic Schools, Newman Student Centers, Youth Evangelization and Ministry, Pro-Life Ministry, Permanent Diaconate, Media and Communications, Rural Life and Migrant Programs, Guardianship Services, Pregnancy and Adoption Services and more. These are programs that cannot be funded or operated by our parish alone. These require the cooperation of every parishioner in every parish of our Diocese of Fargo.

I urge you to join other parishioners who have already committed their support, <<Name(s)>> your support of these ministries is urgent. Your gift will help those in need. If you have not contributed in the past to God’s Gift Appeal, I now, humbly ask for your support this year. Together we can do great things for Christ’s Church.

Thank you for your good works and ongoing support of <<Parish Name>>. Thank you for your personal commitment to the ministries that affect those within our diocese and the universal Church. May our Lord continue to abundantly bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

SIGNATURE
Pastor, Parish/Mission Name