

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

2024 IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Please read this script for CSA Appeal participation.



Diocese of Biloxi

Good Morning/Afternoon,
Jesus said

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" telling His disciples to leave where they were, go find others, and invite them to follow Him.

This passage from Matthew emphasizes our theme for the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal of "Missionary Discipleship" which further calls all of us into a deeper relationship with Christ as His disciple.

Today, I ask you to join me in an act of discipleship by making the decision to support the work, and the ministries of the Church by giving a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal.

We are constantly asked to donate to many different organization. Today, I would like to share with you why the Catholic Sharing Appeal is a cause that you should participate in and contribute to this year.

It is quite simple, the Appeal impacts and enriches our lives, the lives of our brothers and sisters in our communities, and it greatly helps brings the message of Christ and Salvation to those in the most need.

Please help me now as I ask some simple questions of everyone here today in this mass.

Please raise your hand, if the question that I ask is something that you can relate to or have experienced, as a member of our faith and parish.

Please remain with your hand raised, until I have asked all four of the questions. All children please participate too!

(PASTOR PICKS any four questions and reads out loud, reminding the parishioners to please keep their hand raised after each question if they have experienced the ministry:)

1. Have you known a priest that has given his life in service of the Church that is now retired?
2. Are you concerned that our Church does not have enough priests for future generations?

3. Do you know a Permanent Deacon that serves in this parish or another?
4. Do you know a family member or friend that has left the Church and no longer practices their Catholic Faith?
5. Have you seen our brothers and sisters in Christ on the streets that have no home or not enough food to eat each day?
6. Have you known anyone or have you, yourself been in a marriage encounter class?
7. Have you attended RCIA through this parish or another within the diocese?
8. Have your children attended a youth conference?
9. Do you have children that have attended, or are currently attending religious education classes?

If you answered any of these questions with a **YES**, then you or someone you know has benefited from the ministries within the Appeal.

LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF YOU with your hands raised! You may now place your hand down. Thank you!

Today and every day, our gratitude for the blessings that God has given us, call us to action, by extending care, not just in our words, but in our deeds. We need not look any farther than our own community to identify those in need of help.

There are many needs in our diocese: married couples crave spiritual development in their vocations.

Seminarians need pastoral formation to prepare for a life of service to the Church. Parishes in the diocese need financial support to bring the Word of God and the sacraments to their parishioners.

Children need a faith-filled education so they may go out into the world in the future as disciples of Christ, ...and the list goes on.

We are called now, this weekend through giving to the CSA, to show our gratitude to God by our actions, and by sharing what God has blessed us with in our lives.

Just a minute ago you raised your hand in recognition that you yourself have seen the benefits from the funds donated to the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

Please take a few moments to reflect on how you can give generously of yourself and make a gift. If you think you can give \$100, ask yourself if \$120 is possible. If you cannot give \$120, how about \$105? You can act with any amount of generosity and it will make a difference!

If you have never made a gift before to the Appeal, there are several easy options for making your gift by credit card, by check or by cash, by one time gift or a monthly gift.

Our ushers will be passing out the baskets now.

Please use this piece (hold up the in-pew piece) and fill it out, place it in the basket now or at the end of Mass, or take it home and discuss it as a family and prayerfully consider a gift.

PLEASE participate today, no matter how much you offer, and help us make our parish goal of 100% participation.

I give thanks to the Lord for your generosity and your prayerful consideration of making a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your gift is appreciated by all those whose lives are touched by your generosity.

Thank you for your prayers and your support and know that I am remembering each of you and your parish in the Masses that I offer daily.

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Kihneman