

2023 TIM 'Shine His Light' Annual Appeal In-Pew Script February 11 & 12, 2023

This weekend, Archbishop Gomez invites all Catholics to celebrate this special year, the 30th Anniversary of Together in Mission, and make their yearly commitment to our "Shine His Light" Annual Appeal. I want to thank everyone who has given generously to Together in Mission in the past. For 30 years, our support has ensured that the doors remained open at parishes & schools who experience financial hardship (like we just saw on the video) in our Archdiocese. Your past gifts have made their work and ministries possible. Our theme this year is "Shine His Light" is uplifting because it reminds us that our mission as a Catholic family is to share Christ's light, love and hope with the homeless, family, friends, and everyone we meet.

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For those of you who are new to our parish or may not have made a gift in the past, I hope you are inspired and deeply touched by the impact your gifts can make in the lives of those who struggle. In honor of our 30 years of joining together to support our brothers and sisters, we invite you to make a commitment of \$300, or \$30 a month to help the parish communities and schools most in need. I ask that everyone here today make a true commitment to this Annual Appeal. As in James 1:22, "let us doers of the work and not hearers only." Each of us is called to love one another through our prayers and actions. Together in Mission is a perfect opportunity to act on our love for our Catholic brethren living right here in our community and archdiocese. At this time, you can find pledge envelopes at the end of every pew for your use. We also have included QR Codes on all Together in Mission 2023 materials if you prefer contactless communication to make your gift directly. Just scan the QR code found on the in-pew envelopes, poster or banner and you can complete your gift electronically.

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For those parishioners who would like to pay their pledge electronically, we invite you to pull out your mobile phones and visit TIMGIVE.org to make your gift. The website is also found on the pledge card in the pews. You can also fulfil your pledge this year by texting 'SHINE30' to 213- 397-0682.

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For those of you that would like to use the in-pew envelope please complete the first 3 lines of the pledge card with your family's biographical information. You will see there is a box to mark if you have given to Together in Mission in the past.

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Please select that box if your family has made a gift to the campaign. Please remember that your generous gift could have been made at another parish.

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If your address has an apartment or suite number, please be sure to include it on the address line. This address information will be used by the Together in Mission office to send you pledge reminders and send you tax receipts.

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Please also consider including your email address and phone number. The Together in Mission office will use this contact information to remind you of your pledge balance and send you email receipts. Next, please select your Total Commitment Amount for the 2023 campaign.

Remember, you are selecting the total amount that you and your family can commit throughout 2023. You can pay your pledge in installments of 10 months. Or you can make your one-time gift in full.

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We are also inviting you this year to join the Together in Mission Sustainer program which would mean you will be making continuous monthly payments to this appeal. Please select one of the listed total commitments amounts or write-in your own amount in the appropriate box.

We would love for you to be a Together in Mission Sustainer.

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We encourage you to commit to a gift that is within your family's means. The Together in Mission office will send monthly billing reminders to your home and if you provide your email address, we can send you email reminders if you prefer.

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If you want to include a first installment on your pledge today, write on the line labeled "amount enclosed" you are choosing to include today and place your check or cash in the remit envelope.

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For those of you wanting to pay by credit card, you can choose to make a one-time gift or divide your total pledge into monthly payments. Simply select the box marked "monthly installments" on the pledge card.

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It is important that you consider making your pledge today. On behalf of the more than 15,000 students, and their families attending the schools this campaign supports, as well as the 65 parish communities and 75 Catholic schools that will benefit from your generosity, we would like to thank you for your support.

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