

### **Sample Email to Parishioners**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The French philosopher Blaise Pascal once quoted, “In calling us to pray for one another, God has extended to us the dignity of becoming causes.” As Christians, we believe in the power of prayer. Though it may not seem like our prayers are always answered directly, it does not mean that we should lose faith, because the Lord may be calling on you to fulfill the prayers of others.

By prayerfully and financially supporting the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**, you could be the answer to someone’s prayers. The many programs and ministries funded through this generosity are doing critically important work. Our diocese achieves a great deal that no one parish can accomplish alone. For example, it:

- ❖ Ensures priests and deacons for the future through the Office of Vocations
- ❖ Provides a helping hand for all those seeking support through Catholic Charities of South Carolina
- ❖ Evangelizes future generations through Youth and Young Adult Ministry programs
- ❖ Provides pensions and healthcare through our Retired Priest Fund

Please prayerfully consider a donation to the Catholic Appeal. All gifts, no matter the amount, are valued and meaningful. Note that once our parish achieves 100% of its goal, 50% of the overage is returned to our parish in support of our own initiatives. To donate, visit [www.charlestondiocese.org/donate/](http://www.charlestondiocese.org/donate/)

Thank you for offering your prayers and support. His light shining bright in South Carolina, and we will be able to accomplish even more with your support in this new era of our diocese. Let’s build His kingdom together!

### **Bulletin Verbiage #1** (if you have not summarized in the collections area of the bulletin)

Catholic Appeal of SC Progress: As of (date), the CASC has collected almost \$X million. Our parish has contributed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards our goal of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This represents \_\_\_\_\_% of our goal from \_\_\_\_\_% of our registered families.

The CASC provides funding for incredible programs and ministries doing critically important work in our diocese. Through charitable, educational, outreach and evangelization efforts, a real difference is being made. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Appeal if you have not done so already. Our parish family is called to join our diocesan family in this endeavor. All gifts are meaningful and appreciated.

### **Bulletin Verbiage #2**

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina provides funding for incredible programs and ministries doing critically important work throughout our state. Our parish family is part of the universal church. As such, it is our obligation to participate in the Appeal to support the building of His kingdom. Please prayerfully respond to the Appeal and make a sacrificial gift in the form of a pledge. With your support, and through the good works it makes possible, we can continue to be the missionary disciples that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, asks us to be.

### **Bulletin Verbiage #3**

Please consider a gift to the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina. In doing so, you will touch the lives of many in a very positive way. Your gifts will provide critical funding to accomplish things such as: pay for the education and formation of seminarians and deacons, help our brothers and sisters in need through the local services of Catholic Charities of South Carolina, evangelize future generations through Youth and Young Adult Ministry programs, and provide pensions and healthcare for our retired priests. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Together, we are doing the Lord’s work and building His kingdom.