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The Loop Newsletter is published by the Office of Stewardship & Development to keep you informed about the annual Catholic Charity Appeal. We will "keep you in the loop" regarding news and events which we hope you will find helpful and informative.

Sample Pastor Follow-up Letter

Appeal Prayer

Dear (parishioner name):

The Catholic Charity Appeal is your annual opportunity to join with other members of our diocesan family to support the religious, educational, and spiritual programs and services of the Diocese of Providence.

To ensure the success of the 2013 Catholic Charity Appeal, our goal is to contact every member of our parish family and invite them to participate. If you have already made a contribution to the 2013 Catholic Charity Appeal, please accept our thanks for your generosity and kindly disregard this letter. At this time, however, our parish records indicate that we have not yet received a response from you to our in-pew appeal.

We ask that you consider a pledge of \$ _____. This pledge may be paid in monthly or quarterly payments. You may also make a one-time gift payment. Please give what you can because no gift is considered too small.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please fill out the enclosed pledge card and drop it into our collection basket next weekend.

Sincerely yours,

Your Pastor

United Way Gifts

Please note that donor designated gifts to the Catholic Charity Appeal can be done through payroll deduction with an employer or by utilizing the United Way Philanthropy Fund and designating your gift to "Catholic Charities of Rhode Island."

Easter Collection

As a reminder, the Easter collection is counted as part of your parish's Catholic Charity Appeal total. Please note there is NO exemption for the Easter second collection. We ask that you remit your Easter card and check directly to the FISCAL OFFICE. Please do not send this card or the collection with your regular returns. Thank you.

Dear Mary, Our Lady of Providence, we turn to you in prayer, and we seek your assistance as we begin our annual Catholic Charity Appeal.

Inspired by your own example of service, we ask that you guide our works of love; help us to offer generous assistance to all who turn to the Church in their time of need.

Through your intercession, may we grow in faith, hope and love; inspire us to be generous in supporting the Catholic Charity Appeal, and allow us to see the face of Jesus in all those we serve.

Fill our hearts with a compassionate spirit, so that the Church in Providence may always fulfill your Son's command to, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Now filled with hope and confidence we pray: "Hail Mary, full of grace..."

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