**In-Pew Script**

Commitment Weekend, February 18-19, 2023

**To be used by Pastor or Parish/Mission Administrator In-Pew Script**

“Good morning. Today we are conducting the annual campaign that asks all parishioners to make a financial commitment to the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

“As your pastor, I want to thank all of you who have given to this campaign in past years. I can assure you that the funds you gave are deeply appreciated by the parishes, schools, and people served by the Archdiocese.

“Each of us is called to share his or her gifts in support of the Church. We must first support our parish, then our archdiocese, and then the Church throughout the world.

“The Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Atlanta not only funds the operations of the archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.”

“Also, keep in mind that the archdiocese returns any funds that they receive over our parish goal so that we can use that money to support our parish.

“I now will ask one member of each household to complete a pledge card.

“While we are waiting, please examine the monthly pledge payment amounts that are listed on the left side of the pledge form. Please consider giving a monthly pledge that will allow you to provide a larger gift.”

“I am going to guide you through the process in order to minimize the time that it takes.

“Now, please unfold the pledge brochure and find the attached pledge form."

**[Pause and wait.]**

“On the first and second line, please indicate the name of our parish and city so that we will receive credit for the gift. If you are a visitor and are a member of another parish in the archdiocese, you may indicate that parish."

**[Pause as above.]**

“Please print your first name and your last name on the third line."

[Pause and wait until about half of those participating are looking back at you.]

“On the fourth line, please print your address including any unit or apartment number.

“On the next line, please print your city, state, and zip code."

**[Pause as above.]**

“On the bottom line, please print your primary email and then below your telephone number."

**[Pause as above.]**

“Do you want to receive your pledge reminders monthly, quarterly, or at year end? Please check the first box on the left and then a check next to either monthly, quarterly or year end.”

“If you would like to help us conserve paper and postage, your pledge reminders could be sent to you by email instead of in the mail. If so, please check the second box."

**[Pause 5 seconds.]**

“I ask everyone else to look at the gift boxes on the left side of the form and check the amount that you wish to give. Your pledge will be billed over ten months. Also, there is no need to provide a first payment today unless you choose to do so.”

“In the event that you wish to contribute an amount other than the ones indicated, please check the ‘Other’ box and indicate the full amount of your pledge on the blank line to its right."

**[Pause as above.]**

“If you would like to make your payment by credit card or direct debit, please visit

www.archatl.com/ appeal to make a pledge or one-time gift online.”

“For more details on how your gift supports the many ministries of the archdiocese, please visit the website www.archatl.com/appeal.”

“On behalf of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and myself, I sincerely thank you for your contribution to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. May God bless you!”