



Return to the Lord

A CAMPAIGN FOR OUR FUTURE

Last Name _____
 First Name _____ Spouse _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ZIP _____
 Parish _____

1 THREE YEAR CAMPAIGN GIFT

Gift	Annually	Semi-annually	Quarterly	Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> \$12,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$333
<input type="checkbox"/> \$7,200	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$600	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,600	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,800	\$600	\$300	\$150	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> \$360	\$120	\$60	\$30	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____				

PAYMENT PLAN

- Monthly Quarterly Semi-annually Annually

I/We will begin making payments in _____ (Month/Year)
 ending in _____ (Month/Year)

2 CAMPAIGN PLEDGE DETAILS

- Please use my gift for all goals of the *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign

Priest Retirement 20%	Seminarian Fund 20%	Parish Share 20%	Restoring Cathedral 15%	Camp Karol 10%	Catholic Charities 5%	Campaign Costs 10%
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- Please designate my gift to the following goal(s) of the campaign: _____

3 CAMPAIGN METHOD OF GIVING

- Cash or Check
 (Made payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles with *Return to the Lord* or *Capital Campaign* in the memo line)
- Credit Card Establish auto pay
 VISA MC DISC
 Account Number: _____
 Name as it appears on card: _____
 Expiration date: ____/____ CVV/CVC Code: _____
- Establish automatic payments from my bank account*:
 Bank routing number: _____
 Account Number: _____
 *Please include a voided check with your payment information.
- Stock, Real Estate, or Other Asset**

CONSIDERING A PLANNED GIFT?

- Yes! Please contact me to discuss how I could leave a gift to the campaign in my estate.

4 SIGNATURE

Signature _____
 Date ____/____/____
 Home Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____
 E-mail _____

- for email reminders

MATCHING GIFT

- My company might match my gift to the capital campaign.

Company Name _____

NOTES

5 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL GIFT

- I/We wish to support this year's BSA with a gift of:
 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other _____

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL PAYMENT

- I wish to use the same payment method as my campaign gift.
 I wish to set up a new payment method for this year's Appeal.**



**The Stewardship & Development Office will contact you to assist with your choice of giving method.

Bishop Provost is calling on the entire diocese to make a gift to the *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign which will support our priests, parishes and ministries. Your support to this capital campaign, through your choice of payment options, will impact the future of the Diocese of Lake Charles for years to come. Pledges are commitments made in good faith, but are not legally binding. Your commitment can be fulfilled through monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual installments. You may benefit from such gifts with a charitable deduction on your tax return.

CASH OR CHECK

The most common method of making a pledge is to contribute with cash or check payments. **Checks should be made payable to Diocese of Lake Charles with *Return to the Lord* or *Capital Campaign* in the memo line.**

CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER (EFT)

The second most common method of making a pledge is to contribute through automatic payments by credit card or allowing the diocese to withdraw funds directly from your checking or savings account. Much like paying your utilities and other monthly bills online, this makes it easy on you by saving you time and postage. Additionally, when you pay with credit card you may also receive “reward points” for your charitable giving, depending on your credit card. Please include a voided check with your pledge card if paying by EFT.

There are many other ways of giving which can accommodate your current circumstances. Please discuss with your family and financial advisor on a plan that is best for you. Some examples include:

LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

A quick and easy way to make a lasting impact is to leave a gift to the diocese for the *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign in your will. You can even choose a specific program or area to be funded by your gift, such as priest retirement or support for Camp Karol. One popular method of planned giving is to think of the church as an additional heir. For example, if a donor has four children, they would divide their estate in five parts, one each for the children and the church.

DONATE STOCKS, BONDS OR MUTUAL FUNDS

Charitable gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have been held for at least one year offer special tax advantages. Donors can receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the gift while avoiding capital gains tax on the appreciation. If a donor sells stock that has depreciated in value and gifts it to the campaign, he or she may receive a tax deduction for the charitable gift and a deduction for the capital loss.

DONATE REAL ESTATE

Donations of appreciated land or homes are entitled to an income tax deduction equal to the full value of the property, and the donor avoids being taxed on the capital gains. If debt-free property is donated, the gift is deductible at the property’s appraised value. It may even be possible for a donor to gift property now, but still maintain the right to use the property. The benefit to making a donation now, rather than later in your will, is that you can realize an immediate income tax deduction for the gift.

DONATE LIFE INSURANCE YOU NO LONGER NEED

If you no longer need a policy for your estate or family’s protection, you can make a gift now by assigning your policy to the diocese for the *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign. Donors would be entitled to an income tax deduction for the replacement value of the policy, or the net amount of premiums you have paid, whichever is less. You also will be entitled to an income tax deduction for any premiums you pay on the policy after you assign it to the church. Moreover, you will have removed the death benefit proceeds from your estate that may otherwise be subject to estate tax.

DONATE A RETIREMENT PLAN YOU NO LONGER NEED

Naming the diocese for the *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a retirement plan, such as an IRA or 401(k), allows the diocese to carry out its mission and offers tax benefits to a donor’s estate. Your plan administrator can help you designate the Diocese of Lake Charles as a beneficiary of your unused retirement plan.

DONATE COMMODITIES

Unlike cash, commodity contributions (such as donations of rice, soybeans or crawfish) can save income and self-employment taxes. The cost of raising the commodities is deducted on the Schedule F form, and income is not recognized on the donated commodity.

PLANNED GIFTS

Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and asset for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals. Planned gifts can be made in the following ways:

- Requests by will or living trust
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Beneficiary benefits from IRAs, pensions, or financial accounts

For more information on giving options,
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