



Frequently Asked Questions By Parish Leaders and Volunteers

1. Why emphasize pledges payable over 60 months, (five years)?

Most families can make larger gifts when they are budgeted and paid for in installments over 60 months, (five years).

2. Why are donors asked to complete and sign pledge cards?

We ask donors to sign their pledge cards to confirm their intentions to give. Pledges are not legally binding and can be changed in donors' circumstances change.

3. Why is an initial payment requested?

If a donor is able, they are encouraged to make an initial payment. An initial payment is a strong indication of a donor's commitment to completing a campaign pledge.

4. How should pledge payment checks be made payable?

Checks for pledge payments should be made payable to "Love One Another Campaign." Donors may write the name of their parish in the memo space on their check.

5. Can a donor restrict their gift to a specific element of the campaign case, including their parish?

Donors are encouraged to give to all the areas of need in the of Love One Another Campaign case for support. A donor may restrict their gift to one or more of the campaign case elements. If a donor restricts a gift entirely to the parish case, the 60% parish and 40% ministries split of all the parish's gifts will be honored.

6. Why do donors place their completed pledge cards and initial payments in sealed envelopes to be mailed for processing?

Completed pledge cards and initial payments are placed in sealed envelopes to:

- a. allow donors who choose to use them protect confidential information.
- b. keep credit card information confidential.

The sealed envelopes should only be opened by the bank that processes the pledges and payments. Campaign funds, including cash gifts, should not be deposited into parish bank accounts.

7. How will pledge cards and initial payments be sent from the parish to the Archdiocese to be processed and acknowledged?

During the active phase of the campaign, the Pilot Phase, Wave 1, Wave 2 or Wave 3, the parish will be provided tamper-proof envelopes to mail pledges and initial payments to a campaign-designated lockbox for gift processing and accounting.

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8. Who will acknowledge pledges and provide tax letters?

- a. Parishes are encouraged to send their own thank you letters to their donors.
- b. Donors will receive thank you letters from Archbishop ListECKi for their gifts and pledges.
- c. All donors will receive annual tax letters from the Archdiocese.

9. How will the pledges be collected? The Archdiocese is responsible for pledge collection. The Archdiocese will mail pledge payment reminders to those paying by check according to the donors' chosen payment schedules. Donors paying by credit card or automatic withdrawal will receive annual statements as reminders of their ongoing pledge payments.

10. When and how will our parish receive its share of the funds paid by our parishioners? Will the parish be assessed for these funds?

The parish share of funds collected will be allocated to the Love One Another Trust upon receipt from the donor. Disbursements of these funds into a restricted parish account will be made on a quarterly basis. The parish must request a proxy to use its funds in accordance with the parish case statement. These funds are not subject to the annual Archdiocesan assessment.

11. Will the Love One Another Campaign affect parish offertory?

Parish offertory generally remains constant during campaigns of this nature with proper communication and planning.

12. How should our parish plan to conduct its annual offertory appeal and the Catholic Stewardship Appeal?

Parishes should be able to conduct their annual parish offertory appeals and the Catholic Stewardship Appeal as scheduled and planned.

13. What if a family can only give to the Love One Another Campaign by reducing its gifts to the parish or the Catholic Stewardship Appeal?

Giving to the Love One Another Campaign is meant to be over-and-above a family's regular giving to the Church; that takes priority.

14. Is corporate matching accepted as a way to increase the impact of one's pledge?

Yes, if your company has a matching program, this is a great way to increase or even double your pledge. All corporate matching inquiries should be directed to your HR or finance departments. Please contact the campaign office at the number below with questions.

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