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Commitment Weekend Script

(Presented by the Pastor at each Mass)

(After review, increase font size, double space and place in a binder)

"Good morning. I am here to assist you as you make your commitment to support the work of our parish. I hope that each of you has paid attention to the announcements that we have made and the brochure that was mailed to you this week.

All are being asked to support our parish based upon returning a fair measure of the gifts God has given to you. Those of you who do not use envelopes are asked to begin to do so. This is an important part of belonging to a parish.

Any information that you provide is strictly under the guardianship of this parish and the Diocese. No information about your parish involvement or about your specific level of financial support is ever provided to anyone. So, your confidentiality is assured.

In the event that you did not receive a brochure in the mail, one of two possibilities exists. Either the brochure was lost in the mail, or you are not on our mailing list. If you think that you may not be on our list, please follow the instructions that I will give you in a moment.

Now, I ask the designated member of each household to raise your hand so that we can give you an envelope. When you receive your envelope, please open it and remove the pencil and the commitment card."

*(Take a moment to make sure everyone who needs a card has one.
If not, direct ushers to those who need cards.)*

"If you did not receive a brochure in the mail, please write the words 'No Mail' at the top of your card now."

(Take a moment to make sure most have finished.)

"Please carefully print your name in the space provided."

(Take a moment to make sure most have finished.)

"Now, carefully print your address and unit or apartment number."

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(Take a moment to make sure most have finished.)

"Carefully print your city and zip code."

(Take a moment to make sure most have finished.)

"Write your telephone number and e-mail address, if you have one."

(Take a moment to make sure most have finished.)

"Now go to the area where the dollar amounts appear and check off the amount of the weekly gift that you feel is an appropriate indication of your commitment to your parish in gratitude for the gifts God has given to you. If the amounts provided are not to your liking, please fill in another amount on the line marked "Other". It is important to indicate an average weekly amount even if you intend to give monthly or annually."

(Take a moment to make sure most have finished.)

"On behalf of myself, _____, the parish staff, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council, I wish to thank you for your continuing generosity."

"Please place your commitment card and pencil in the envelope provided. Do not seal the envelope. Just slip the flap inside. Place the envelope in the basket that will be passed now."

"Thank you again and God bless you for all that you do to assist with the Lord's work in our parish."