



**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- ❖ **Who will participate in the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)?**  
All 28 parishes and missions within The Diocese of Reno are participating in the campaign. All Catholic households in the diocese are asked to consider a financial pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal.
- ❖ **Will my parish benefit from the campaign?**  
All parishes benefit from shared ministries funded through the campaign. Also, parishes receive 100% of gifts over goal.
- ❖ **What is the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)?**  
The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is a vital source of annual funding for many programs and ministries in the Diocese of Reno.
- ❖ **How will this campaign impact the offertory of my parish?**  
Parish offertory is not expected to fluctuate during the campaign. Parishioners are asked to give above and beyond their regular offertory giving. Campaigns like CSA can lead to increased offertory long-term. Parishioners may engage more deeply with their parishes because of the campaign, and increase their offertory giving when their pledge payments conclude.
- ❖ **Why does my request pledge card ask for a specific gift amount?**  
A gift amount is suggested for each household to reach the \$1.7 million challenge goal. A principle of this campaign is to each according to their blessings. All parishioners will be asked to give to CSA, but not everyone will be able to give on the same level.
- ❖ **Why encourage pledges?**  
CSA encourages pledges to allow donors to give more than they could with one-time gifts. Donors who pledge usually make gifts four-to-five times larger than those who make one-time gifts.
- ❖ **What if I am unable to fulfill my original pledge amount?**  
Unanticipated events or situations can occur. If financial circumstances change, a donor may contact the Office of Stewardship & Development (OSD) to adjust, pause or cancel their pledge.
- ❖ **How will pledges be collected?**  
Completed pledge cards will be collected at the parish and sent to the Office of Stewardship & Development at the Diocese of Reno Pastoral Center. Credit card payments are highly encouraged. Electronic payments reduce costs and save resources, preserving funding for ministries. Pledge reminders will be mailed for payments by check.
- ❖ **Are stock and planned gifts accepted?**  
Donors may give appreciated securities. Bequests and other deferred gifts may also be made. Donors considering such gifts should contact the OSD at 775-326-9444 or 775-326-9433.
- ❖ **To whom should checks be made payable?**  
Checks for the Catholic Services Appeal should be made to Catholic Services Appeal or CSA for short.  
**\*\*Please be sure to add your CSA Account Number for accurate processing.\*\***
- ❖ **Are gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal tax-deductible?**  
All gifts to the campaign are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Donors should consult a tax professional if they have any questions about the tax treatment of their contributions.