

# PARISH PRESENTATION

## SAMPLE 1

Please adapt this to suit your parish's needs.

Hello - My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to tell you about Together in Action and why it is valuable to our parish and our community.

TIA is the Diocese of Calgary's annual fundraising campaign. It was established in 1992 and to date has raised over \$43,000,000 to assist our vulnerable population. It was created to live out Christ's teaching (to share our gifts and care for our vulnerable population) by:

- allowing parishioners to collectively support TIA recipients,
- educating parishioners about the plight of others,
- streamlining the funding requests by organizations in the parishes, and
- to be of service to the Catholic and community at large

Further, it is the primary source of funding for many of our diocesan programs and services in southern Alberta.

Following the themes of Catholic Social Teaching, Pope Francis' direction, and Bishop McGrattan's TIA letter, we, need to work together to create a better world and be of service to each other. Funds from this campaign go toward counselling, food, families, youth, and our retired priests, deacons, and seminarians. These are all areas that impact the lives of thousands of people locally, nationally, and internationally and help each of us live a better life.

No matter how much we may want someone else to take care of all of the world's challenges, it is ultimately up to each of us to stand up and say, "I know I can be the difference – no matter how small!"

The work of the church moves forward when individuals like us are committed to the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching and stewardship.

Last year, our parish contributed \$\_\_\_\_\_ to TIA and this year, our goal is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

There are many ways in which you can give. You can use the Pledge Form, our parish envelope (*if your parish uses these*), or speak to the parish staff. More information on the ways to give is on the back of the Together In Action Pledge Form.

I hope your faith working through the love of helping those in need will inspire you to support Together in Action through your gifts of prayer and financial support.

Thank you for listening and your consideration.



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Hello - My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to tell you about Together in Action and why it is valuable to our parish and our community.

The marginalized and those experiencing homelessness, charities, seminarian education, retired priests, food banks, women's shelters, immigrants, and numerous diocesan ministries including our youth, social justice, and missions (local, national and international) are some of the areas that your generosity through the Together in Action Campaign supports.

Of the \$2M raised each year throughout our diocese, \$903,000 is allocated to our diocesan programs, \$646,000 is allocated for grants to southern Alberta charities, \$360,000 is allocated to national and international outreach and \$90,000 covers the administrative campaign costs (which is only 4.5% of the campaign's total).

Why support Together in Action? This campaign addresses the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and speaks loudly to our Catholic values of sharing our God-given treasure. This campaign gives each one of us an opportunity to be involved, to share what we have received from God and to know the value of our giving. The funds are distributed to all areas of need locally, nationally and internationally.

Our parish goal this year is \$\_\_\_\_\_. With approximately \_\_\_\_\_ families in our parish, sharing that amount adds up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ per family. To date \$\_\_\_\_\_ has been collected; we are short \$\_\_\_\_\_ (*if using this talk after start of campaign*). The deadline to reach our goal is December 31. I am appealing to everyone to help meet our goal and extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who has been generous to date and to everyone who will give generously, to the best of their ability in these challenging economic times. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of many.

I will leave you with the words of Pope Francis in his visit to Rio in 2013 where he stated...."Let us always remember this: only when we are able to share do we become truly rich; everything that is shared is multiplied."

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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## SAMPLE 3

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Hello - My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to tell you about Together in Action and why it is valuable to our parish and our community.

Because of you...children escaping with their mothers from a life of domestic abuse are given a time of healing and allowed to be children at summer camp.

Because of you... marginalized seniors are offered assistance and a hand up to support them in their health and daily living needs and friendship when they are lonely.

Because of you...our priests, who give their life to God and support all of us on our faith journey, are supported in their retirement

Because of you...the homeless and vulnerable are offered assistance with affordable housing, healthy meals and access to health services to assist them through their daily struggles

Because of you... pregnant youth, at risk of being homeless are choosing to keep their baby even though they are pressured to have an abortion. They are offered a safe, loving, supportive home and assistance in growing towards healthy independence for themselves and their child.

Hospice, addiction recovery, Alzheimer's, food banks, disabilities, seniors, immigrants, counselling, soup kitchens, pro-life, prisons, shelters, youth, priests, seminarians, northern missions and dioceses, social justice, national and international agencies all benefit from TIA.

Your generous contribution to our annual campaign has a far-reaching impact on the lives of so many. Each year, this campaign generates \$2M from our 68 parishes and 11 missions from the generosity of parishioners.

Of these funds \$646,000 goes to over 45 southern Alberta charities; \$360,000 goes to national and international outreach ministries; \$903,000 stays within our diocese to support our ministries and programs; and Less than \$90,000 or 4.5% covers all the administrative costs.

Our parish's commitment for 2019 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. To date, we have raised \$\_\_\_\_\_ with \$\_\_\_\_\_ to go by December 31 *(if using this talk after start of campaign)*.. Please help to reach our commitment goal in timely manner and with all of us together, we can! And you will receive a tax receipt.

If you have not contributed to the TIA campaign yet, now is the time; if you have contributed already but can spare a bit more, now is the time. I will be in the hall after mass to answer any questions and to receive any contributions.

I will leave you with an impactful reminder with the words of St. Francis of Assisi "Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given".

Thank you so much for your generous heart and for making a difference in the lives of so many. God bless and thank you for listening to me.



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Hello - My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Today I'm here to talk to you about the diocese annual Together An Action Campaign and the impact it has on so many lives throughout our diocese, Canada and the world

Through your generous hearts children in an emergency shelter in Taber, AB are allowed to be children at summer camp

Our seniors are offered assistance and a hand up to support them in their needs and to offer them friendship

Our priests, who give their lives to God and support all of us on our faith journey are supported in their retirement

Homeless and vulnerable are offered assistance with affordable housing, meals and access to health services

Pregnant youth at risk of being homeless are able to keep their babies in a safe supportive home and learn life skills to become independent mothers

Together in Action, through your financial contributions, supports hospices, addiction recovery charities, food banks, soup kitchens, prison ministries, shelters, counselling programs, prolife programs, the Alzheimer's Society, our disabled, seniors, immigrants, priests, seminarians, youth, northern missions, diocesan programs, and national and international agencies to name just a few

Each year this campaign generates \$2 million from our 68 parishes and 11 missions. It helps others in need and does not finance the administration of our Bishop's office. Half aids charities in southern Alberta plus national and international programs. The other half stays within the walls of our Catholic Diocese of Calgary to support our programs, ministries, and clergy. If you know of a charity that might benefit from this campaign, please talk to me.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parish) commitment for 2019 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. To date, we have raised \$\_\_\_\_\_. If you have not contributed to this campaign yet I ask you do so now.

I leave you with a reminder from Saint Francis of Assisi remember that when you leave this earth you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have been given. Thank you for your generous heart and for making a difference in the lives of so many. God bless and thank you for listening to me

I'll be in the hall to answer any questions



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