# **PARISH PRESENTATION**

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.

Together in Action is the Diocese of Calgary’s annual fundraising campaign. It was established in 1992 and to date has raised over $45,000,000 to assist our vulnerable population. It was created to

* live out Christ’s teaching (to share our gifts and care for our vulnerable population);
* allow parishioners to collectively support TOGETHER IN ACTION recipients;
* educate parishioners about the plight of others;
* streamline the funding requests by organizations in our 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 Together in Action 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 $36, 829.00 to TOGETHER IN ACTION meeting our goal during a pandemic year. This year, our goal is $24,785 which is 70% of last years goal.

In past years any excess fund above our goal came back to the parish. This year we are sending excess funds to one of three Diocesan approved charities. St Vincent de Paul, St Pius X branch; Mustard Seed Society or the Hospice Calgary Society.

There are many ways in which you can give. You can use the green envelopes in your envelope boxes or the pink all purpose envelopes and mark them for TIA. You can also speak to the parish staff. More information on the ways to give is on the website. http://stpiusx.ca/ If giving online, please mark it for TIA in the memo line. 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.