



A FEW NEW (LITURGICAL) YEAR'S COMMITMENTS

The subject matter for today's *A Message from the Pastor*: commitments, surfaced on Thursday, 21 November (*Feast Day of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*) when Bishop Barres returned home to Our Holy Redeemer to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to fifty-nine boys and girls, and four adults. During his homily, the Bishop instructed the Confirmandi to make some commitments:



- ❖ Commit yourself to Sunday Mass.
- ❖ Commit yourself to the regular reception of the Sacrament of Confession/Penance/Reconciliation.
- ❖ Commit yourself to the Moral Teaching of the Catholic Church.
- ❖ Commit yourself to the Poor.
- ❖ Commit yourself to responsible use of Social Media.

Today, the *First Sunday of Advent*, ("Recommitment Sunday" at Our Holy Redeemer) I invite all of you – young and old – to make those commitments your own, and at the same time, to renew a commitment that you were invited to make on the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2018*. That commitment/that: **one small step for a parishioner** made by hundreds of parishioners has (as bulletin readers of our *Faith and Finances* pages have discovered all year) led to **one giant leap for a Parish** of between \$1500 and \$3000 more a week in the Sunday Offertory!

- ❖ If you were faithful to the commitment you made to increase your weekly financial offering during Liturgical Year 2018 - 2019, please renew that commitment today for Liturgical Year 2019 - 2020.
- ❖ If you were not faithful to your Liturgical Year 2018 – 2019 commitment to increase your weekly financial offering, start being faithful to it now as we begin the Liturgical Year 2019 – 2020.
- ❖ If you did not make a commitment to increase your weekly financial offering for Liturgical Year 2018 – 2019, please make a commitment to increase that offering for Liturgical Year 2019 – 2020.

It is in the keeping of commitments such as these that all of us can bear witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and so help prepare ourselves and others – not just for Christmas, but for when we stand before the judgment seat of Christ the King when He comes again!

My Commitment to Increase My Weekly Financial Offering to My Parish

(Please Complete this Form and Return it to Church or the Rectory as Soon as Possible)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Envelope Number (If Known): _____ E-Mail Address: _____

My New Weekly Contribution Will Be: \$ _____

or

My New Monthly Contribution Will Be: \$ _____