

Campaign Weekend Script

The message below is provided as a guide and template for your use on Campaign weekend. You can either use it as is, or tailor it to your parish. **It is intended for retired priests providing relief in parishes to briefly announce the Campaign before each Mass held on the weekend of 17-18 August 2024.**

Good morning/afternoon

During today’s Mass, we will hear a specially prepared homily from Archbishop Mark Coleridge for the **Annual Catholic Campaign**.

As a retired priest, this Campaign means a lot to me. With the support of the faithful over the past years, I know many of my fellow priests have been able to retire with dignity. You give them the care they needed to make their senior years meaningful and joyful. The Campaign happens just once a year and involves every parish across our Archdiocese. More than financial help, it tells us you support the calling that is in our hearts forever.

Of course, your support goes to more than just The Priests Foundation – it is a way for the entire Archdiocese to come together to expand the Church’s capacity to care.

The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for elderly priests, helping families access a Catholic education, and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our local community.

When making a gift please put your donation inside the envelope [hold up brochure and show them how envelope is attached] so it remains separate from the parish collection. If you add your details to the envelope you will receive a tax receipt in the mail.

Thank you for your generosity and for making sure our Church is here to help in times of need.