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Dear Catholic in Recovery members and partners:

A few years ago, my pastor gave our congregation a challenge. As Lent was to be a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, he challenged us to do our Lenten almsgiving (over and above our normal contributions/tithe) to a special collection basket which would be given to a local community crisis assistance ministry/food bank at the end of Lent. He challenged us to take the amounts we would have spent on all those things we gave up for Lent (food, alcohol, cigarettes, candy, or whatever) and donate those funds to the Lenten almsgiving campaign.

When Lent was over, our parish made a multi-thousand-dollar donation to this local community food bank. It was a game changer for that very deserving charity! It also nurtured ongoing volunteer relationships of some of our members with the food bank. Additionally, many charities doing fundraising will occasionally have various offers of matching contributions. I decided to help Catholic in Recovery benefit from such a combination.

Let's combine the two! I invite you to contribute the value of the things you are giving up for lent, or have given up for your recovery, to Catholic in Recovery. All your donations over and above your normal recurring contributions will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 this Lent.

Please join me in helping to continue to carry the message of Jesus and recovery to a very needy world.

Regards,

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