

Bishop's
SERVICES APPEAL
Supporting the Works of Christ

Dear Friends in Christ:

A native of Louisiana, I was born and raised in the small town of Basile. I am overjoyed, that in His divine providence, our good Lord has seen fit to bring me back home, to serve you – the great people of the Diocese of Lafayette. God is good, and I feel blest to be home.

Since my installation as your seventh bishop earlier this Spring, I have already had the pleasure of meeting many of you. I look forward to the opportunities to engage with you in the great work God has given us to do as His Church family, here in South Louisiana.

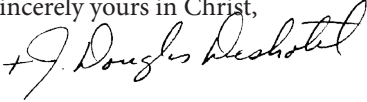
Christ's Love Compels Us is the theme for the 43rd Annual Bishop's Services Appeal. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*" These words express the meaning and the purpose of the programs, ministries and services supported by the Bishop's Services Appeal. It is in Christ's love for us, it is in His dying for all, that we no longer live for ourselves, but for others. It is Christ's love for us, that urges us on, that compels us to fulfill the mission of the Church, the mission Christ himself invites us to embrace.

The BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL is an essential source of funding that has been *Supporting the Works of Christ* by serving others and ministering to those in need since 1973. The Annual Bishop's Services Appeal provides the needed financial support for ongoing Diocesan wide activities – the Diocesan sponsored programs, ministries and services that play a vital role in our Church's mission. The works funded by this Appeal are made possible only by the generosity of individuals within the Church, faithful Catholics like you.

Your gift to the Bishop's Services Appeal bears witness to the works of the Church through the Diocesan wide ministries and services that will benefit from your generosity. I invite you to join with me in supporting the 2016-2017 Bishop's Services Appeal.

I hope, I pray, and I ask of you today, to consider a financial contribution to support the Bishop's Services Appeal, and carry out Christ's mission of love. I know that I can count on you; for **Christ's Love Compels Us**.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette



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Prayer Intentions

If you would like to make a request for prayer, please list them below. All requests will be enshrined on the altar of Immaculata Chapel, located at the Diocese of Lafayette Chancery Campus, and will be remembered at every Mass.

☐ I / We want to support the 2016-17 Bishop's Services Appeal with a **GIFT** of: \$ _____
☐ I / We want to support the 2016-17 Bishop's Services Appeal with a **TOTAL PLEDGE** of : \$ _____

INITIAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

BALANCE DUE: \$ _____

☐ I am a registered parishioner. ☐ I would like to remember the Church in my will.
☐ I am not able to make a monetary gift this year, however I wish to offer my gift of prayer for the success of the Appeal.

Guide to Giving

Total Pledge	10 monthly payments	8 monthly payments	5 monthly payments
\$5000.00	\$500.00	\$625.00	\$1000.00
\$1000.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$200.00
\$500.00	\$50.00	\$62.50	\$100.00
\$250.00	\$25.00	\$31.25	\$50.00
\$100.00	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$20.00
\$50.00	\$5.00	\$6.25	\$10.00
Other: \$ _____			

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

CHECK ENCLOSED (Please make your check payable to **Bishop's Services Appeal**)

CREDIT CARD TYPE: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____

Cardholder Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

☐ Charge a ONE TIME gift of: \$ _____
☐ Charge a MONTHLY gift of: \$ _____ starting _____ / _____ for ☐ 10 ☐ 8 ☐ 5 months.
Month Day

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please visit www.diolaf.org to make a gift online.

A **MATCHING GIFT** is an easy way to double or even triple your gift. Please check with your company or employer to find out if a matching gift program is offered. Your gift to the Bishop's Services Appeal may qualify.

GIFTS to the annual BSA are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

My spouse or I work for a matching gift company:

(Name of company)

☐ Matching gift form enclosed
☐ Will forward form



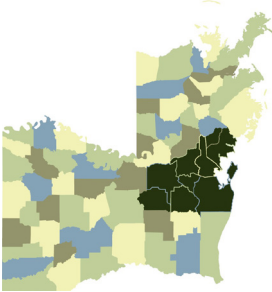
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Christ's Love Compels Us!

The **BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL** (BSA) has been *Supporting the Works of Christ* by serving others and ministering to those in need since 1973. The BSA is an annual appeal accomplished as a result of the combined efforts of our 121 church parishes and 28 missions. Located across eight civil parishes, the Diocese of Lafayette is able to make available vital programs, ministries and services through the generosity of BSA donors.

Your **GIFT** to the BSA enhances Diocesan efforts to provide hope, dignity and compassionate care in the lives of others. It is a reminder that as faithful Catholics, we are **compelled** to be part of a Church, a communion of believers, which is greater than ourselves, and not limited to our local church parishes.

THANK YOU for prayerfully considering a gift or pledge to the Bishop's Services Appeal.



Thank You
for your
stamp.



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