



## Honoring Human Dignity, Now and Always

New concepts are now part of our everyday experiences: social distancing, flattening the curve, working from home. And as disrupting as these things can be for me, I can only imagine what they must mean to a homeless family. What are their options for social distancing? How do they protect themselves so that they don't become ill and thereby add to the curve? And how do you work from home when you don't have one? As people focus on protecting themselves in this time of pandemic, I am praying that we as Church continue to consider how we can care for the least among us.

Established with funds from the Centennial Campaign along with some special donations, the doors to Emily House opened in 2018 as a program of Catholic Charities of Acadiana to address the needs of homeless families within the Diocese. Donations through the Bishop's Services Appeal sustain more than 90% of the cost to operate this shelter on a day-to-day basis. I am more grateful than ever that the residents of Emily House have a place of refuge.

During the COVID-19 crisis, Catholic Charities of Acadiana has continued to feed and house homeless individuals and families. This act of mercy takes on

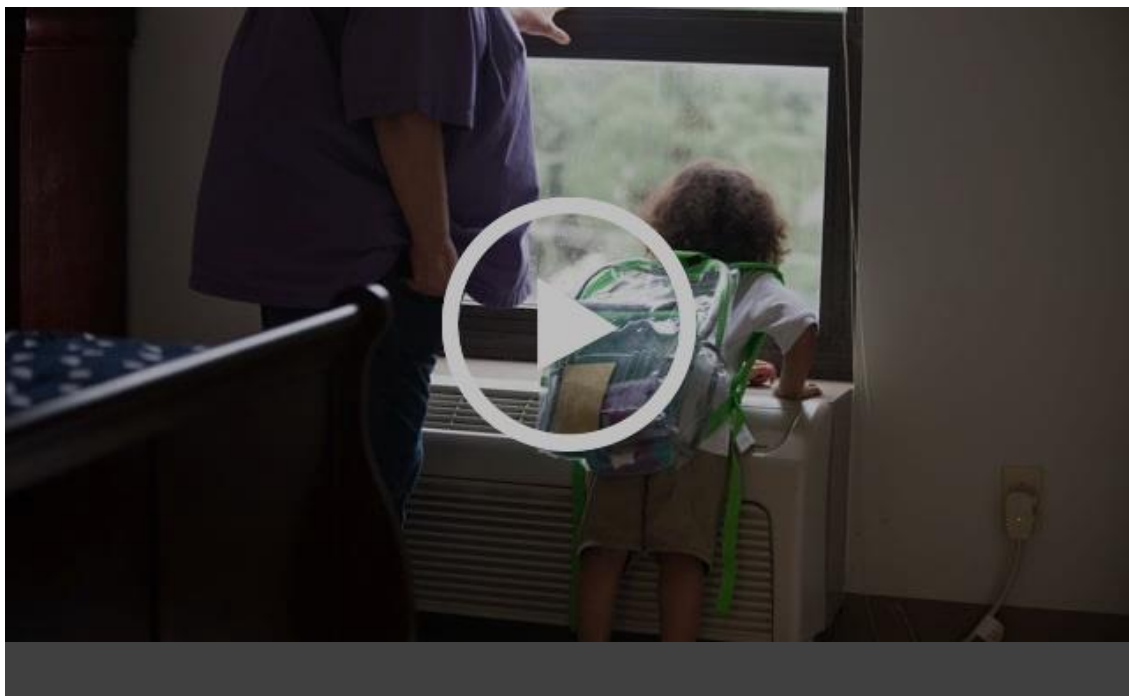
the added challenge of guarding both the health and safety needs of staff and those that they seek to protect. Breaking the cycle of homelessness requires saving for rental and utility deposits, a challenge when your focus is on basic survival. Emily House rises to challenges every day, and with your support, they will continue to do so.

Faithfully,

*Margaret*

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## Insight & Inspiration



“Do you want to do something beautiful for God?  
There is a person who needs you. This is your  
chance.”

*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

## Get Involved!

Please support the work of the Emily House through the 2020 Bishop's Services Appeal by clicking [on this link](#) or texting DIOCESE to 41444. This is how you can help to light the way for the most vulnerable among us.

## Convenient Ways to Give

### Mail



Complete the reply card included with your BSA mailing and return in the pre-paid envelope provided for your convenience.

### Online Giving



Visit [diolaf.org/BSA](http://diolaf.org/BSA) to learn more about the BSA and to make a gift online by selecting **DONATE NOW**.

Giving online is safe and secure.

### Text



Text **DIOCESE** to **41444** and make a secure gift via credit card on your mobile phone.

### Become a Sustaining Giver

The Diocese of Lafayette is pleased to offer ongoing giving. Your monthly recurring gift will help to provide ongoing and continuous support, without interruption.

Sustaining giving can be set up online.

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