

# Bringing Hope & Healing

With your gift, you can help...

**Heal the Searching and the Sorrowing**

1,080 individuals have found a path to wholeness through diocesan retreats, pastoral counseling sessions, special Masses and outreach services during their time of special need.

**Proclaim the Good News**

93,000+ families in the Diocese of Lafayette are invited to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with family members who have stopped going to church through the “Please Come Home for Christmas” initiative.

**Rebuild Lives and Hope after Catastrophe**

843 families requested and received assistance after Hurricanes Laura and Delta through the Rebuilding Together program of Catholic Charities of Acadiana. Hurricane recovery continues with recent storms as well.

**Ensure the Future of the Church**

Twenty seminarians will hopefully join their brothers in faith—109 diocesan priests and 80 permanent deacons—to also actively serve this Diocese and future generations of Catholics.

## Ways to give



**ONLINE**

Scan the QR code or visit [diola.org/BSA](http://diola.org/BSA) to make a gift using a debit or credit card

**MAIL**

Send check or money order payable to the Bishop's Services Appeal to Diocese of Lafayette, 1418 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501

**METHODS OF PAYMENT**

Gifts of stock, IRA Distributions, and Charitable Annuities can be coordinated by contacting the Office of Stewardship and Development at 337-273-0801

**TEXT**

DIOCESE  
to 41444

**CALL**

337-273-0801

*You can be the reason  
why the faithful, the searching, the sorrowing  
and the yearning become the hopeful.*

## SUGGESTED GIFT GUIDE

\$25

### FAITH FORMATION

Inspire a Catholic family with 10 issues of Acadiana Catholic.

\$45

### COUNSELING SERVICES

Invest in a “Prepare and Enrich Assessment” scholarship for an engaged couple.

\$100

### BASIC NEEDS

Respond to recent hurricanes with supplies for home repairs for the elderly, the disabled and those in financial hardship.

\$250

### S.O.S (Support Our Seminarians)

Buy textbooks for our seminarians to form them as our future shepherds.



## DIOCESE of LAFAYETTE LOUISIANA

Dear <Informal Salutation>

October 4, 2021

I reach out with a sense of urgency given the reality of this past year and how it has impacted the people we serve and the ministries we offer. I make this final request for your support if you have not yet made a gift to the 2021 Bishop's Services Appeal.

Throughout the pandemic, the Diocese and <Name of Church Parish> have faithfully served our communities to bring hope and healing. My urgency comes from the reality that all this work requires resources and none of it can happen without your support.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

Family by family, you can proclaim the Good News, ensure the future of our Church and rebuild lives through the Bishop's Services Appeal. Thank you for whatever gifts you can provide for the significant work that lies ahead.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of J. Douglas Deshotel in black ink.

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

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