

2021
BISHOP'S
SERVICES APPEAL
Supporting the Works of Christ

“Do not fear; I am with you. Do not be anxious; I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”

– Isaiah 41:10



Jesus heals the blind Bartimaeus.
Mark 10: 46-52

«Date»

«Preferred_Name_Line_1»

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Dear «Primary_Salutation»,

A familiar story from the Gospel of Mark perfectly illustrates Christ's ministry awareness during a time of difficulty for many. Journeying to Jerusalem for the last time, Jesus stopped, reluctant to continue while blind Bartimaeus called aloud, asking the Lord to restore his vision. Accepting his request, Jesus gently held him in loving hands, opening his eyes, *Bringing Hope and Healing*. The life and identity of Bartimaeus was forever changed by this conscious act of mercy.

Our world has been disrupted this past year, and the differences are profound in our daily lives. The story of Bartimaeus reminds us to always pause to address the needs of others. *One person at a time, our own acts of mercy can ultimately mean healing and transformation for a fragile and wounded world.* Seminarian formation, disaster assistance, bereavement services, pro-life activism and efforts that keep us connected to our Catholic faith are some of the essential direct service ministries that demonstrate our Savior's commitment.

Our 1918 Society of Givers have been beacons of hope for many through their extraordinary giving in a year that has been anything but ordinary. Church closures, a world-wide pandemic, two hurricanes and social isolation have challenged us in ways we never expected. As we begin 2021, we invite you to join this group of visionary stewards with a gift of \$1,918 or more. *“Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain”* (1 Corinthians 15:58).

As Bartimaeus looked to Jesus as His provider and the One who offered him lasting hope, our neighbors seek the help of faithful Catholic leaders like you, praying you will answer them through loving and far-reaching support of the BSA's essential ministries. *With my gratitude for your inspiring generosity, I invite you to join the 1918 Society.* As soon as possible, please complete and submit the form provided, or visit us online and indicate your intention through www.diolaf.org/BSA. As a member of the 1918 Giving Society, you will be *Bringing Hope and Healing* to so many communities in need throughout the Diocese of Lafayette. With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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

P.S. Grateful for your Christ-like example, I continue to pray for God's blessing in your life, and I cherish your prayers. It is a privilege to serve with you, and I am thankful for your faithful support.

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Check Payment Information

One-time gift of: \$ _____ OR Monthly gift of: \$ _____

To Be Paid In: 10 8 5 Installments (*February-December*)

Total Pledged Gift Amount: \$ _____

(Initial) Payment Amount: \$ _____ Check No: _____

Please make checks payable to **Bishop's Services Appeal** and return in the envelope provided.

Credit/Debit Card Payment

Visit diolaf.org/BSA or text DIOCESE to 41444 or call (337) 261-5641 for assistance.

All pledges to be completed by December 31, 2021.

Please change my address:

Address: _____

City: _____

ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Help us keep all your contact info up to date! Please see reverse to update any other details that we might need to know.

Bringing Hope & Healing



DIOCESE of LAFAYETTE LOUISIANA



1918 Giving Society

Other Contact Info

Spouse Name: _____ Deceased

Birthday: His: ___/___/___ Hers: ___/___/___
Month Day Year Month Day Year

Preferred Email:

His: _____

Hers: _____

Preferred Phone:

His: Home Cell Work _____

Hers: Home Cell Work _____

- Yes, I would like to remember the diocese and/or my church parish in my will. Please contact me.
- Yes, I would like to make a gift of appreciated securities. Please contact me.
- No, 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.

Raising our Prayers. Lifting our Hopes.

Please list below any special intentions or requests for which you would like prayer assistance:
