

"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."





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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. We are reminded by the story of Bartimaeus how meaningful it is to pause to address the needs of others. One person at a time, it ultimately means healing and transformation for a fragile and wounded world. Following Christ's example, you can help to sustain our ministries that demonstrate His merciful commitment. This year, please offer your support to the work of the Bishop's Services Appeal, *Bringing Hope and Healing* to others.

Seminarian formation, disaster assistance after two hurricanes, bereavement services for those who have lost a loved one, pro-life activism and efforts to keep us connected to Sunday Mass and other liturgical events during church closures—all of these ministries depend on the support of Catholics like you. Over 1,000 hurricane-impacted families have asked for assistance with repairs, due to financial hardship, age or disability. Currently, less than 10% of registered households participate in the BSA. Can we count on you to change these statistics and ensure that more people get the help they need? No gift is too small.

As Bartimaeus looked to Jesus as His provider and the One who offered him lasting hope, those around us look to the Catholic Church, knowing that we respond to their needs in Christ's love, *Bringing Hope and Healing* to them. You are an essential part of the Church, and we can't do it without you. At a time when hope is so dearly needed, I invite you to complete and submit the form provided as soon as possible, or visit us online and indicate your intention through www.diolaf.org/BSA. With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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

P.S. In this season of challenge and change, I continue to pray for God's blessing in your life, and I cherish your prayers. "Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord" (Psalm 146: 5).

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Check Payment Information

One-time gift of: \$______ OR Monthly gift of: \$______ To Be Paid In: ① 10 ① 8 ① 5 Installments (February-December)

Total Pledged Gift Amount: \$______ Check No: ______ Check No: ______

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

Credit/Debit Card Payment

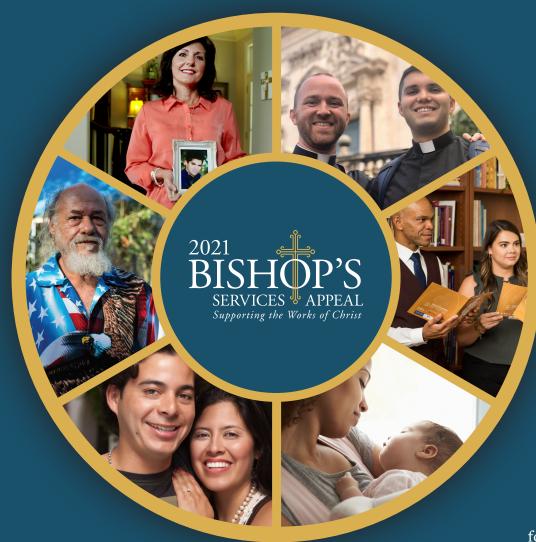
Visit diolaf.org/BSA or text DIOCESE to 41444 or call (337) 261-5641 for assistance.

All pledges to be completed by December 31, 2021.

Please change my address:

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

Hope Healing



DIOCESE of LAFAYETTE LOUISIANA

"Place all your hope in the Heart of Jesus; it is a safe asylum; for he who trusts in God is sheltered and protected by His mercy. To this firm hope, join the practice of virtue."

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

SUGGESTED GIFT GUIDE

\$50

FAITH FORMATION

Inspire two Catholic families with 10 issues each of *Acadiana Catholic*.

\$150

COUNSELING SERVICES

Help to heal broken relationships through the counseling services offered by the Office of Marriage & Family Life.

\$250

BASIC NEEDS

Respond to recent hurricanes by assisting with home repairs for the elderly, the disabled and those in financial distress.

\$500

S.O.S. (Support our Seminarians)

Help to educate our future pastoral leaders by covering the cost of books for one semester for one of our 30 seminarians.

Other Contact Info	Raising our Prayers. Lifting our Hopes.
Spouse Name: Deceased O	Please list below any special intentions or requests for which you would like prayer assistance:
Birthday: His:/ Hers://	
Month Day Year Month Day Year	
Preferred Email:	
His:	
Hers:	
Preferred Phone:	
His: O Home O Cell O Work	
Hers: O Home O Cell O 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.	
O 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.	