

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

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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,

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: 10 8 5 Installments (*February-December*)

Total Pledged Gift Amount: \$ _____

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

Credit/Debit Card Payment

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All pledges to be completed by December 31, 2021.

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

