

## Where Charity and Love Prevail: In Mission. In Witness. In Community.



DIOCESE of LAFAYETTE  
LOUISIANA

When you unleash the  
power of generosity, you  
“wash another’s feet,” and  
your gifts honor the Lord.

2022  
BISHOP'S  
SERVICES APPEAL

Dear Informal Salutation,

October 10, 2022

She was small in stature but a giant in her servanthood to God’s people. St. Mother Teresa walked the streets of Calcutta and beyond, bringing charity and love to all she met. In imitation of Our Lord, she washed the feet of her brothers and sisters in Christ when no one else would.

Pope Francis tells us “Let us go out to *meet them*, look into their eyes and listen to them.” We recall the powerful example of St. Mother Teresa’s compassion and humble service. How can we also go out to meet the sick, poor, hungry, and those in need?

How do we protect the unborn? How do we comfort those who grieve and those whose families are failing? How do we look into their eyes and listen?

The 2022 Bishop’s Services Appeal provides us a way to actively support the pastoral, charitable, and educational ministries that do go out and meet those in need throughout the diocese. <First Name>, will you embrace a servant’s heart and give to support the ongoing work of the BSA this year?

Please help me continue the vital outreach that brings love and comfort to so many. St. Mother Teresa reminds us that “Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.” Please, make your gift today.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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

*P.S. A life of love—however big or small,  
quiet or recognized—is significant,  
meaningful, and powerful.*

GROWING IN  
*Charity &  
Love*

### Suggested Gift Guide

**Faith Formation:** \$50

Inspire two Catholic families with 10 issues of Acadiana Catholic

**Healing Ministries:** \$100

Transform broken lives through your support of Rachel’s Vineyard, a post abortion healing ministry that addresses deep psychological and spiritual wounds.

**Food Insecurity:** \$250

A donation of \$250 helps FoodNet Food Bank prepare and distribute 25 bags of shelf stable food to our neighbors who are experiencing hunger throughout Acadiana.

**Support our**

**Seminarians (S.O.S):** \$500

Buy textbooks for one semester for one seminarian in preparation for the priesthood



A Message from  
*Bishop*  
*Deshotel*

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*Proclaiming  
the Good News*

*Supporting our  
Seminarians*

*Passing on the Faith  
through Outreach*

*Responding  
to Crisis*

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