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#### Dear «Informal\_Salutation»,

Loving your neighbor as yourself is found eight times in the Bible. Not once. Not twice. Eight times. That's why God made it a command. He knew we'd struggle, but making it a commandment is actually to our benefit. How is that? We have to do it on purpose, be intentional about it. "...Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others" (Philippians 2:3b-4)

Jesus in His public ministry showed us the way. He taught us about the kindness of the Good Samaritan, the trust of the boy who gave up his bread and fish to Jesus for the multitudes, the generosity of the widow's mite and the humility of the Master who became the servant when He washed the feet of His apostles. "Go and do likewise," we are told. As you faithfully address the needs of your fellow parishioners and your neighbors throughout our community, you inspire and encourage me. And you are Growing in Charity and Love, the theme of the Bishop's Services Appeal for 2022.

You may have already contributed to the work of the BSA this year. If so, thank you very much. I am so grateful for your commitment. If you are still praying about your involvement, know that I also pray for you and invite your partnership in this effort. I invite you to reach beyond our church parish and multiply your good works throughout the Diocese by giving through the BSA. Your gift to the BSA allows our Diocese to minister to youth and young adults, married couples, families, our seminarians, those in crisis and more.

Our church parish will receive 50% of every dollar contributed above our goal. If every family in our parish contributed, we would not only surpass our goal, but it would also mean a substantial rebate for the parish. Many important ministries at our parish and throughout Acadiana depend on your generosity.

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Sincerely in Christ, <<**F**r. or Msgr>> <<**Last** Name>> Pastor Full Name and Title

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