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Dear <First Names>,

Going above and beyond is what we do here in Acadiana. It's in our DNA. It's who we are.

You can see it when we cook for our friends or extended family and send them home with the extras.

You can see it in people who always help clean up before leaving an event, the people who raise their hands high when volunteers are needed, the people who give and give and give because they feel called to serve, never asking for anything in return.

It's our Christian values in action combined with our "lagniappe" spirit. And you definitely have it.

Giving to the Bishop's Services Appeal is how you have already reached out this year beyond the walls of your parish church. Thank you so much for doing that.



I am encouraged by the sacrifice and partnership I have witnessed in our parishes and shared diocesan ministries through the BSA. And I am pleased to tell you that we have added four new seminarians, ordained two new priests, and three transitional deacons this year. We have also hired a Youth Minister to assist local parishes with their outreach to high school students.

This year's BSA is very close to the goal, an astounding result in an especially challenging financial time for so many. "Growing in Charity and Love" is our theme, and it is the "lagniappe" we ourselves receive from sharing our blessings.

Your gift earlier this year created momentum that pushed our appeal forward in a truly special way. I am hoping that you can help to take BSA 2022 all the way across the finish line with another gift.

Please pray on my request. On behalf of the thousands of families who will benefit, I thank you for being exactly who you are.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, DD
Bishop of Lafayette

PS: I really want you to know how much I appreciate you. Year after year, you are one of our most faithful supporters. As Bishop, it's a true blessing to see families like yours going the extra mile in service to the Church. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

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