

# BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL (BSA) PULPIT MESSAGE(S)

## EDUCATION WEEKEND

### INTRODUCTION:

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening, my name is **{INSERT NAME HERE}** and I have been asked by Msgr./Father **{INSERT PRIEST NAME HERE}** to speak to you today about the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Services Appeal.

The BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL has been *Supporting the Works of Christ* by serving others and ministering to those in need since 1973. The BSA is an annual appeal accomplished as a result of the combined participation of our 121 church parishes and 28 missions. Located across eight civil parishes, the Diocese of Lafayette is able to make available vital programs, ministries and services through the generosity of parishioners.

The 2018 Bishop's Services Appeal begins this month, and it is an opportunity for **{INSERT PARISH NAME HERE}** parish to share in the mission of the Diocese of Lafayette and the mission of our own church parish. Your gift will make a significant impact through the programs, ministries and services supported by the Bishop's Services Appeal.

Now, let us listen to Bishop Deshotel's message.

### **PLAY THE VIDEO OR AUDIO VERSION OF THE BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL MESSAGE (6 minutes 45 seconds in length)**

### CLOSING

The works funded by this Appeal are made possible only by the generosity of individuals within the Church, faithful Catholics like you. The Annual Bishop's Services Appeal provides the needed financial support for ongoing Diocesan wide activities – the Diocesan sponsored programs, ministries and services that play a vital role in our Church's mission.

Many of you will receive a letter this week from Bishop Deshotel asking you to support the Bishop's Services Appeal by making a financial contribution. Please prayerfully consider making *sacrifice* the measure of your gift. Please return your pledge commitment card by mail, or here in church next weekend – In-pew Commitment Weekend. Please prayerfully consider how you can join in sacrifice of support.

Your gift to the Appeal enhances current Diocesan wide efforts to provide hope, dignity and compassionate care in the lives of others. Your gift will make a significant impact through the programs, ministries and services supported by the Bishop's Services Appeal.



And, for the first time in the history of the BSA, a parish rebate component has been implemented. Our parish will now have the opportunity to receive back 50% of funds collected, when we reach our goal. Rebates will provide for an additional source of parish income and can be used for any purpose, as determined by our pastor and parish finance council.

Thank you in advance for your faithful response and continued willingness to share and sacrifice by *Supporting the Works of Christ* through the Bishop's Services Appeal. Please prayerfully consider how you can join in sacrifice of support.

## **IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

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Last weekend, Education Weekend, we listened to Bishop Deshotel ask for our support of the appeal. Many of you received a letter this week from Bishop Deshotel asking you to support the Bishop's Services Appeal by making a financial contribution. You were asked last weekend to return your commitment card to church today. You will have that opportunity during second collection.

If you have not responded to the appeal before, consider how you can join in sacrifice of support today. BSA brochures and in-pew pledge cards are provided in Church. Please give to support the good works of the Church.

If you did not receive a letter from Bishop Deshotel, please take a moment to complete a pledge card, in its entirety:

**First:** Write in your name, address, city, state, zip, etc. ; write legibly.

**Second:** Determine the amount of your gift, and write it in. Also, complete the payment information if paying by debit/credit card. Please

Please pass the completed pledge cards to the end of the pew. Ushers (volunteers) will pick them up.

### **CLOSING:**

Thank you for your participation in the Bishop's Services Appeal and for your generous financial support.

Your gift is a testimony to your Catholic faith – your unwavering belief in God, your deep love for Christ, and your acknowledgement of this critical diocesan fundraising initiative.

