



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JARRELL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our first Pope, St. Peter, took great care to impress upon us that we are charged individually, as well as collectively, with the responsibility of stewardship. In Peter 1:4, he teaches that “as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

As we anticipate the celebration of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette in 2018, let us be mindful of the many blessings the Lord has given to us. While God cannot be outdone in generosity, the Gospel asks of us all, to give generously of our gifts in thanksgiving for God’s mercy and goodness. Your gift to the **Centennial Campaign: *Building Our Future Together*** is an opportunity to leave a legacy for generations to come. Scripture tells us that Christian stewardship goes beyond giving from our surplus. Stewardship requires sacrifice.

The **Centennial Campaign** seeks your support in three ways:

1. To pray for the success of the campaign. With God’s grace, we will be blessed with a successful endeavor.
2. To volunteer to become a leader within your parish. A project of this magnitude provides many opportunities to get involved and serve.
3. To pledge a gift to the campaign. Your gift will strengthen the Diocese of Lafayette.

Through our participation, our stewardship, and our generosity, we can respond to the needs of our Church. Through the **Centennial Campaign** we will share our faith and contribute to the Church. We want to ensure that future generations will also experience God’s love, and live in the light of Christ in the Diocese of Lafayette.

This is an exciting time in the history of our Diocese. We face distinct challenges, but these challenges bring opportunities we can embrace. As we embark on the most significant fundraising campaign in our history, I hope you will be inspired to join us as we assure a bright future for the Diocese of Lafayette.

With prayers for your good health and for all of God’s blessings, I am

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

+ *Michael Jarrell*

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