



BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL PULPIT MESSAGE

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 43rd 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 efforts 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 2016-17 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. Your gift will make a significant impact through the programs, ministries and services supported by the Bishop's Services Appeal. These important works of charity are a reminder that as faithful Catholics, *we are compelled* to be part of a Church, a communion of believers, which is greater than ourselves; and not limited to our local church parishes.

Now, let us listen to Bishop Deshotel's Bishop's Services Appeal Message.

PLAY THE VIDEO OR AUDIO VERSION OF THE BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL MESSAGE (10 minutes 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 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 at offertory collection next weekend – Commitment Weekend. If you have not responded to the Appeal before, please prayerfully consider how you can join in sacrifice of support today. BSA in-pew pledge envelopes are provided in Church.

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





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To be disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of the gifts we have been given, we acknowledge that by supporting the Bishop's Services Appeal we return to the Lord what has been received.

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.

