

THE 2018 THEME

“Century of Love”

This theme reflects upon several qualities of our faith and history. We reflect upon the great teaching of Christ: "Love One Another as I have Loved You." Reflect on this truth that through all the good or tough times of our existence as a diocese, we have first always been loved by God. God's love has brought us into existence and has always seen us as special to His heart. We are not a random group of people placed together but as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once explained, we are each exact thoughts in the mind of God. And so it is God's love that places each of us into the right generation and time and place for the great salvific purpose of the world. The Diocese of Lafayette has been formed as an expression of God's Love.

This Love has also been given with a Mission. Love is something that must be given and not just received. As God has chosen and loved us into being this good and devout diocese, it is for the purpose of loving the world and each other, guided by truths and strengths of our faith. We are called to help each other grow in holiness and each of us has been given the strength needed to fulfill our call from God. Each of us has received a call from God and it is our duty and our salvation to live it out in love.

This century of our diocesan history has begun because of God's love and has been directed by God's Love and we are strengthened into love of God and Neighbor by God's love. "It is by our love that they shall know we are Christian." Millions have walked the land of this Diocese and lived their faith and each of us is a significant part of the activity of what happens to and with the True Faith.



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