

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 Monsignor/Father **{INSERT PRIEST NAME HERE}** to speak to you today about the 45th 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 the 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.

For the first time in the history of the BSA, a parish rebate component as been implemented. Our parish will now have the opportunity to receive back 50% of funds collected over goal. Funds are to be remitted once a parish surpasses goal, and only after the diocesan goal has been met. 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.

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.



When you give to the Bishop's Services Appeal, you help to fund spiritual, religious and humanitarian causes. Please give to support the good works of the BSA.

Thank you for your time and attention.

IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

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

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Last weekend, Education Weekend we listened to Bishop Deshotel ask us 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 also 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.

If you did not receive a letter from Bishop Deshotel, please take a moment to complete a pledge card, in its entirety: *(Allow parishioners a couple of minutes to complete cards)*

- † **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 on back of card if paying today by debit/credit card.
- † **Finally:** 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. Also note that your gift to the appeal can be made at anytime by logging onto the diocesan website at diolaf.org. Your gift will be 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.

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