

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

EDUCATION WEEKEND

INTRODUCTION:

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening, my name is _____ and I have
been asked by Monsignor/Father _____ to speak to you today about
the 46th 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 primarily at the parish level, through combined efforts of our 121 church parishes and 28 missions located across 5,779 square miles and eight civil parishes. The Diocese of Lafayette is able to make available vital programs, ministries and services through the generosity of our donors.

The 2019 Bishop's Services Appeal begins this month, and it is an opportunity for the Parish of _____ to share in the mission of the Diocese of Lafayette and in 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 view the 2019 BSA video message.

PLAY THE VIDEO OF THE BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL MESSAGE HERE

(5 minutes 3 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 BSA provides the needed financial support for ongoing diocesan wide activities – the diocesan sponsored programs, ministries and services that play a fundamental role in our Church's mission.



_____ parish will receive back 50% of all funds collected over our goal.
{INSERT PARISH NAME HERE}
Our goal for the 2019 BSA is _____. These over goal rebates will provide an
{INSERT PARISH GOAL HERE}
additional source of parish income and can be used for any purpose, as determined by our
pastor and parish finance council. Our parish will benefit greatly because of your generosity to
the appeal.

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. Prayerfully consider making
sacrifice the measure of your gift. Please return your pledge commitment card by mail or here in
church next weekend – our In-pew Commitment Weekend or go online to www.diolaf.org/BSA
to complete your 2019 gift/commitment. When you give to the Bishop's Services Appeal, you
help to fund spiritual, religious and humanitarian causes. Your gift is critical to the success of
the appeal. Every gift, each gift of any amount can and will make a difference. Please give to
support the good works of the BSA.

Thank you for your time and attention.

**(NOTE: IF VIDEO IS NOT SHOWN IN YOUR CHURCH PARISH, PLEASE ADD TO YOUR
WEBSITE AND/OR DIRECT PARISHIONERS TO PLEASE VIEW THE 2019 VIDEO ON THE
DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE'S WEBISTE – www.diolaf.org FOR MORE INFORMATION.)**



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

IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

INTRODUCTION:

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening, my name is _____ and I have been asked by Monsignor/Father _____ to speak to you today about the 46th Annual Bishop's Services Appeal.

{INSERT NAME HERE} {INSERT NAME HERE}

The 2019 Bishop's Services Appeal begins this month, and it is an opportunity for _____ 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.

{INSERT PARISH NAME HERE}

Last weekend during Education Weekend we listened to Bishop Deshotel asking 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 during the second collection or you can mail directly to the Office of Stewardship and Development in the postage paid, return address envelope.

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 or a pledge card from last weekend, 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. You can also go online to complete the pledge process.



† **Finally:** Place your completed pledge cards with one time or initial payments in the second collection. Our ushers (volunteers) will pick them up or you can mail them directly to the BSA office for processing.

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 any time by logging onto the diocesan website at www.diolaf.org/BSA . 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.

Thank you for your time and attention.

