Thank you for your gift

Your Generosity Feeds the Body of Christ
Thank you for sharing your blessings and impacting the lives of others.

Dear Friends in Christ,

‘Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love endures forever,” Psalm 12:3. This Scripture verse is one that I reflect on often. In good times and in our challenges, I am reminded that His love is what is the driving force behind each one of us.

This year I have witnessed the great love of our people in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, and how our priests, leaders and the Catholic faithful continue to persevere. As we all know too well, the pandemic forced us to rethink how we do ministry within our schools and parishes. That perseverance and strength in the hearts of our Catholic faithful has made us stronger and better than before. We witnessed that desire and drive in our hearts at our recent Youth Leader Summit that our diocese hosted for our parish youth formation leaders. More than 100 of our parish leaders were able to gather together for the first time in a long time and learn about best practices in youth formation, network with their neighboring parishes and pray together as one Catholic community of leaders.

Those great graces are what give me hope, and knowing that God’s love is guiding their passion for their faith fills me with great joy. It is my hope that as you review our 2021 Annual Report you will see how your prayers and gifts have helped the people of our diocese to know God’s love. I pray you will see how experiences like the recent Youth Summit are made possible because of you. I want to also personally thank you for educating our seminarians, for taking care of our retired priests and for your commitment to our youth. The people of our diocese are tremendous and it truly is an honor to serve you as your Bishop.

Please know I am praying for you and your family.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre
Empowering the Next Generation - Seminarian Education - $360,000

Typically, it takes eight years in the seminary to become a priest. During this time the Office of Seminarians is present with each seminarian throughout their journey to become the future leaders of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. It is our mission to ensure that these seminarians do not have to worry about the cost of this specialized education required to become a priest. It is due to your prayers and support of the Annual Bishop’s Appeal that you enable the diocese to help fund the cost of tuition, room and board and at times their health care.

Retired Priests – $242,120

Even in retirement, many of our retired priests continue to serve the people of our diocese by celebrating Mass, visiting hospitals and ministering to the sick. Your gift to the Annual Bishop’s Appeal is a way of honoring those retired priests that have faithfully served our parishes and diocese for many years. You make it possible for our diocese to care for our retired priests through their health and long-term care needs through cancer and intensive care policies as well as supplementing retirement income.

Catholic Schools Office - $150,000

Educating over 5,000 students in our 11 Catholic schools across our diocese requires continued support and guidance. The diocese works to provide our curriculum specialist as a dedicated resource to all of our schools providing best practices and on going trainings to our teachers and administrators in all of our schools. The support of our beloved parishioners to our Annual Bishop's Appeal makes it possible that our curriculum specialist is available to serve the needs of our schools.

Youth Formation Parish Support - $150,000

Each year the Office of Parish Support hosts a three-day youth formation leader summit where they are trained on best practices, receive materials for use in their parishes and have an opportunity to network with their peers in other parishes. Your gift to the Annual Bishop’s Appeal is used to help train all of our parish youth small group leaders. These small group leaders have a dedicated liaison to work hands on with the parish for both in person and virtual trainings throughout this year as we continue to restructure and rediscover parish youth formation.

For more information on how your gift supports these ministries through the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, please contact Nancy Bernard at nbernard@htdiocese.org or 985-850-3122

Your gift educated, built, honored and supported the future of our church.

Thank you for helping us raise more than $902,120.50!