



RETIRED CLERGY
Rev. P.J. Madden

As a retired priest of our diocese, Rev. P.J. Madden, is able to be supported through his retirement as well as his health care needs. The generosity of our community ensures our retired priests like Fr. P.J. are cared for and supported through their retirement years. Priests like Fr. P.J., continue to minister to our parishioners helping parishes across the diocese.

It is an honor and a privilege to have been able to serve as a priest in the diocese. It has been and continues to be a joy to lead them in their journey to Christ strengthening their faith to have a strong relationship with the Lord.

*Rev. P.J. Madden
Retired Priest*

**Most Reverend
Shelton J. Fabre**

Every day, in often small and unseen ways, the ministries of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux provide Hope and faith to the people of our diocese. Even through the past year of great uncertainty, our ministries continued to serve our parishioners even in some of the most creative ways.

Those who seek spiritual comfort encounter our Lord in the sacraments made possible through the ministry of our clergy. We continue to grow our vocations as we now have 11 men in the seminary for our diocese studying to be the future leaders of our Church. Our educational ministries have ensured that our children lead meaningful lives built on Gospel values and in Christ centered environments.

The faces and voices of our ministries told by Rebecca, Joseph, Rev. PJ Madden and Jenny are only a glimpse of the many that illustrate the importance of those ministries that rely on the Annual Bishop's Appeal for operating support.

We ask that you prayerfully consider those stories and if you are able, make a gift in support of the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal.

May God Bless you abundantly.

Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre
Bishop of the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux



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**REDISCOVERING
OUR FAITH**



**Annual
Bishop's Appeal**

*"If we walk steadily and faithfully...
God will lift us to greater things."*

St. Francis de Sales, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux

Your gift through the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal supports all seventeen of our retired clergy through their supplemental retirement needs as well as health and long term care needs.

All monies raised for the Annual Bishop's Appeal are restricted funds that will only be used for the Annual Bishop's Appeal programs and services.

For more information on the how your gift supports these ministries through the Annual Bishop's Appeal, please contact Amy Ponson at aponson@htdiocese.org or 985-850-3116.

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SEMINARIANS
Joseph Lapeyrouse

As a fifth-year seminarian, Joseph Lapeyrouse looks forward to the day when he can be fully present to his parishioners and be able to accompany them on their journey of faith during their most critical moments in life.

I know God is calling me to serve the people of our diocese, and I look forward to the day when I will be able to walk with them in their journey of faith.

Growing up as a parishioner of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Joseph was inspired by clergy whose lives gave active witness to the joys of their vocation. The witness of these priests helped Joseph see the call to be a shepherd to a future flock. Now having the opportunity to study in Rome at the Pontifical North American College, Joseph will have an advanced degree and will be ordained in 2023. He is excited in saying 'Yes' to God in answering his call to the vocation that God had placed in his heart.

As much as we are called to minister, people minister to us, and we must help each other grow in relationship to Jesus Christ and in holiness.

*Joseph Lapeyrouse
Seminarian*



YOUTH FORMATION
Rebecca Abboud

In all of the challenges of our world today, we must look for new ways to engage our young people. We must find new ways to connect with them and to help them connect with each other. We must find new opportunities that allow them to encounter the love of Jesus personally. We must be ever more creative so that we may help them take steps forward and grow in that relationship. Our young people are worth it, and so our parishes are moving forward in a new approach to the way we form them.

One of the ways that the Office of Parish Support accompanies pastors and parish leadership is in the area of ministry to our youth. As parishes begin to implement new ways of engaging young people through youth formation, each parish has a liaison from the office walking with them. As a liaison and youth formation specialist for the Office of Parish Support, Rebecca provides expertise and best practices so that the entire team is able to effectively support parishes in their youth formation initiatives.

*Rebecca Abboud
Liaison and Youth Formation Specialist*



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE
Jenny Russell

As the Curriculum Specialist at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary, Jenny works closely with the Catholic Schools Office and the teachers at St. Joseph to build and strengthen teaching and learning in the classroom.

The Catholic Schools Office works closely with our teacher-ministers and our school administrators to provide educational opportunities to grow both spiritually and academically. We have the opportunity to collaborate with other schools to share ideas and grow together.

*Jenny Russell
Curriculum Specialist*



Supporting the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal ensures that men like Joseph will be able to faithfully answer God's call to ordained service to the men and women who live within the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

Your contribution to the 2021 Partners in Hope Annual Bishop's Appeal provides essential operating support to the Office of Parish Support Youth Formation, ensuring Christ is the constant companion in our children's journey of faith.

Your contribution to the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal supports our Catholic Schools Office who directly ministers to the Catholic Schools within the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.