

RETIRED PRIESTS



- 18 retired priests of our diocese
- Supplemental health insurance, long-term care needs and other required services



JOIN THE ST. FRANCIS CIRCLE WITH A RECURRING GIFT
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JOIN THE BISHOP'S SOCIETY

The Bishop's Society recognizes members of the Catholic faithful who contribute \$250 or more to the Bishop's Appeal. This commitment has a tremendous impact on the immediate needs of our ministries and parishes.

- BISHOP'S PARTNERS IN HOPE (\$250 TO \$499)**
- Monthly E-Mail Messages
 - Annual Progress Report
 - Inclusion in Bishop's Office personal Mass prayer intentions

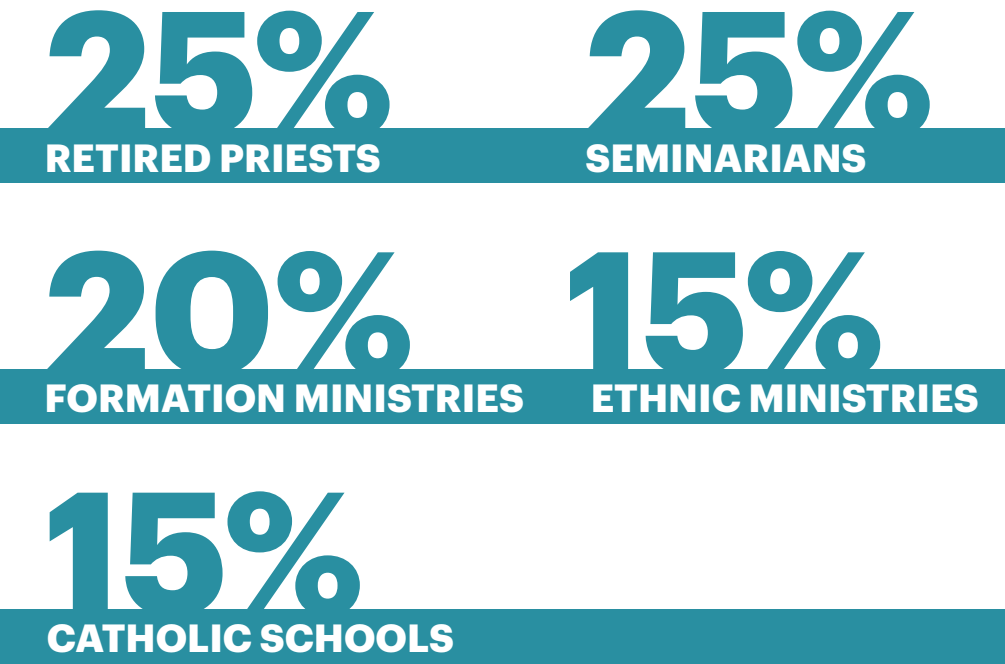
- BISHOP'S CIRCLE (\$500 TO \$2,499)**
- All of the above, plus the following:
 - Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana Report

- MITRE SOCIETY (\$2,500 TO \$4,999)**
- All of the above, plus the following:
 - Invitations to special diocesan events such as State of the Diocese Address, Chrism Mass, and Ordination

- CROZIER'S SOCIETY (\$5,000 TO \$9,999)**
- All of the above, plus the following:
 - Private tour of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral or St. Joseph Co-Cathedral followed by Mass and lunch with key diocesan leaders (based on availability of staff and donor preference)

- SOCIETY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (\$10,000 AND ABOVE)**
- All of the above, plus the following:
 - Special gift by the Bishop's Office

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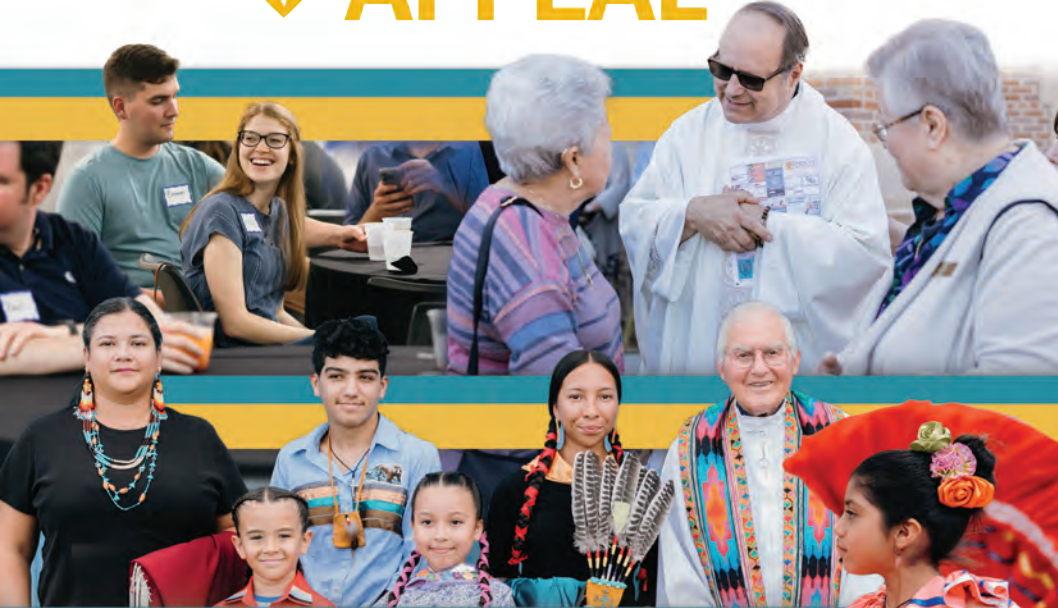
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GROWING
TOGETHER
IN GOD'S LOVE



My Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

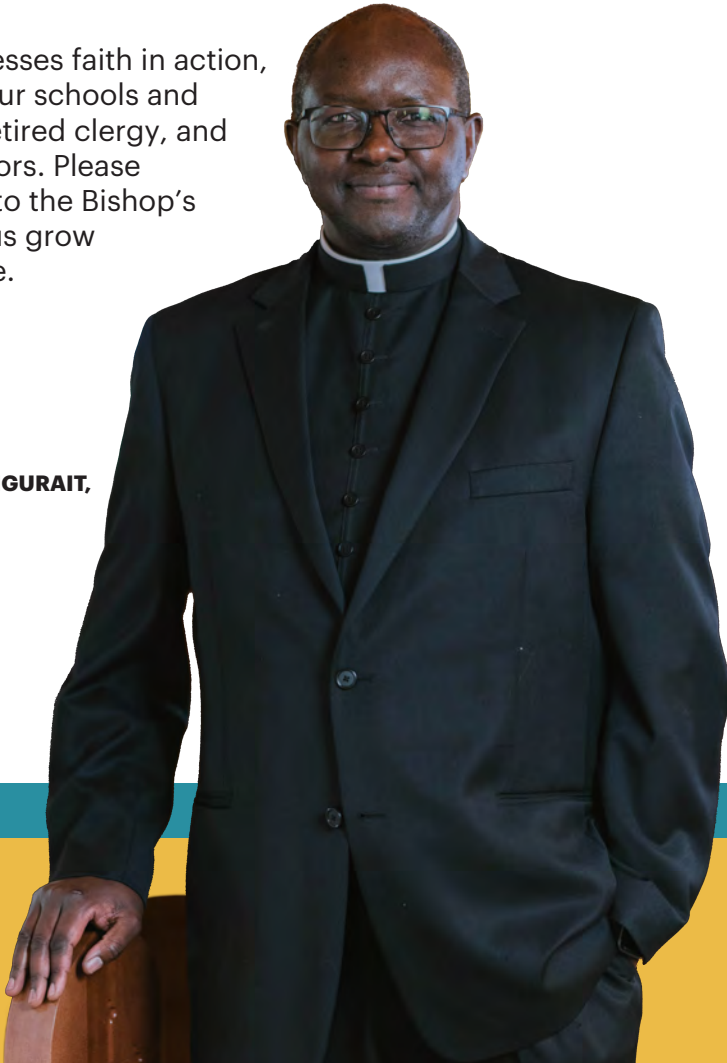
Fr. Peter Scholtes’ hymn ***"They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*** reminds us that love is at the heart of our faith. As St. John wrote, “God is Love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in them” (1 John 4:16). This truth inspires our 2025 ABA theme, “Growing Together in God’s Love,” calling us to reflect God’s love in our actions and care for one another.

What does love have to do with it? Everything! Through the Bishop’s Appeal, we recognize how our giving impacts others and strengthens our faith. Together, as one community, we can achieve more than any parish alone, embodying Christ’s call to love, serve, and uplift those in need.

Your generosity expresses faith in action, supporting youth in our schools and parishes, caring for retired clergy, and preparing future pastors. Please consider a gift today to the Bishop’s Appeal 2025 and let us grow together in God’s love.



VERY REV. SIMON PETER ENGURAIT,
DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR



SEMINARIANS

ETHAN HENRY, SEMINARIAN



“I am profoundly grateful for your support of the Bishop’s Appeal. Your generosity ensures the Church forms joyful, faithful priests who serve God’s people with love and dedication.”

I grew up in Houma, attending the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, and now my parish is St. Thomas in Thibodaux. The year I spent at St. Joseph the Worker House of Formation was one of the hardest yet most rewarding years of my life—a true answer to prayer. As I neared the end of college, the Lord’s call grew louder, and I asked Him for a year in Thibodaux before seminary. Weeks later, I learned the Propaedeutic Year would take place there under Fr. Mitch Semar, with two friends joining me. It was a sign of God’s providence. This journey deepened my calling to the priesthood.

- \$45,000 per year to educate one seminarian
- 5 seminarians currently
- 1 man in formation within the House of Formation
- Continued work of Office of Formation



FORMATION MINISTRIES

REBECCA ABBOD, FORMATION MINISTRIES



Your support to the Bishop’s Appeal ensures we can continue to form disciples, accompany leaders, and bring the Gospel to life in every parish. Together, we can grow our Church and build a stronger, more vibrant faith community!

Through Formation Ministries, I have witnessed firsthand how lives are transformed through faith and community. My journey with the ministry began when I was the Coordinator of Youth Formation at my home parish of Christ the Redeemer. I reached out for help from the ministry leaders and through their mentorship, encouragement, and prayers, not only did I grow spiritually, but I learned how to guide others in encountering Christ. Now, as a liaison, I have the privilege of walking alongside parish leaders across our diocese, tailoring support to the unique needs of each community. These encounters have deepened my love for our culturally rich and faithful diocese, revealing the beauty and generosity of our people. This vital ministry is only possible through the generosity of the Bishop’s Appeal.

- Training of youth and adult formation leaders to better serve our parishes
- Serving 500+ college students through campus ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas located on Nicholls State University through Colonel Catholics
- Serving the community with formation and evangelization event such as Theology on Tap

ETHNIC MINISTRIES



- Training for youth and adult formation leaders to better serve our parishes
- Ongoing formation for diverse cultures within our diocese including African American, Native American, Vietnamese, Asian Pacific Islanders, and Hispanic Ministries

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



- Assistance with curriculum and growth for each of our 10 Catholic schools and over 4,800 students
- Professional development and assistance to our 500 teachers
- Curriculum Specialist consultation for all schools