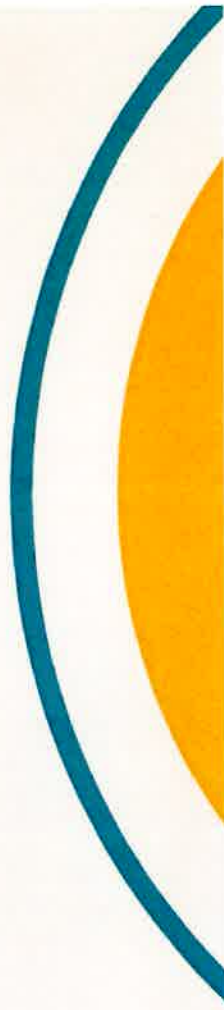




Parish Leadership Manual 2025

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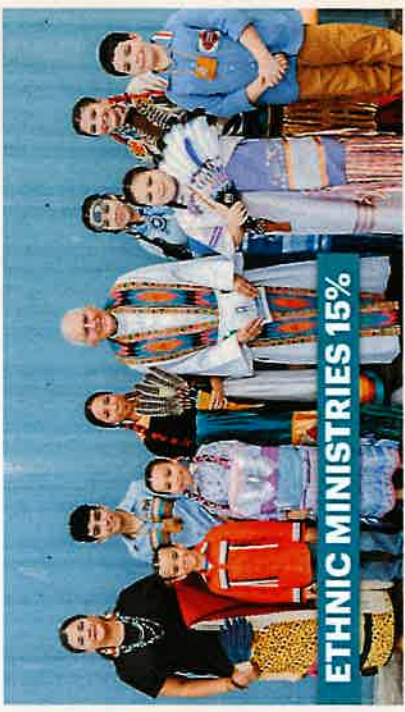


Our Bishop's Appeal serves a vital role in our diocese, providing necessary funding for specific ministries that impact the lives of so many. While 2024 was yet another challenging year within our own personal and community reasons, the generous people of our diocese came together and we were able to raise over \$1M. As we begin the 2025 Bishop's Appeal I am grateful for you and the support of our many parishioners who continue to grow their love for Christ.

The 2025 Bishop's Appeal will directly impact Seminarian Education, retired priests, Catholic Schools, Formation Ministries, and Ethnic Ministries. Each of these ministries continue to grow exceptionally and will allow us to continue to grow in our faith as a diocese. Without the support of the appeal our diocese could not provide the resources needed. I ask that you join me in praying for another successful year full of support from you and beloved parishioners of the diocese.

Message

from Fr. Simon Peter



2025 Bishop's Appeal Ministries

Parish Goals

Parish	2025 Goal
Annunziata	\$20,000
Cathedral of St. Francis	\$140,000
Christ the Redeemer	\$33,000
Community of St. Anthony	\$2,300
Holy Cross	\$25,000
Holy Family	\$5,000
Holy Savior	\$20,000
Maria Immacolata	\$65,000
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, GM	\$40,000
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chackbay	\$27,000
Our Lady of the Isle	\$6,000
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary	\$15,000

Parish Goals

Parish	2025 Goal
Our Lady of the Rosary, Larose	\$40,000
Sacred Heart, Montegut	\$6,000
Sacred Heart. Morgan City	\$100,000
Sacred Heart, Cut Off	\$40,000
St. Andrew	\$11,000
St. Ann	\$20,000
St. Bernadette Sourbirous	\$45,000
St. Bridget	\$20,000
St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles	\$12,000
St. Charles Borromeo, PAC	\$8,000
St. Eloi	\$17,000
St. Gregory Barbarigo	\$20,000

Parish Goals

Parish	2025 Goal
St. Hilary of Poitiers	\$40,000
St. James (Mission)	\$1,800
St. John the Evangelist	\$11,000
St. Joseph, Chauvin	\$20,000
St. Joseph, Galliano	\$10,000
St. Joseph Co-Cathedral	\$90,000
St. Lawrence	\$4,000
St. Lawrence the Martyr	\$8,000
St. Louis	\$15,000
St. Luke	\$4,000
St. Mary's Nativity	\$18,000
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$30,000

Parish Goals

Parish	2025 Goal
St. Anthony of Padua	\$55,000
St. Genevieve	\$43,000
St. Lucy	\$4,000
Thanh Gia	\$5,000

2025 Goal:
\$1,000,000

2025 Materials



2025 Poster

2025 Materials



**YOUR GIFT TO THE BISHOP'S APPEAL
SUPPORTS THESE MINISTRIES.**

25% 25% 20% RETIRED PRIESTS SEMINARIANS FORMATION MINISTRIES

15% 15% CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ETHNIC MINISTRIES

3. DONOR INFORMATION

Name _____	☐ Credit Card Authorization
Address _____	Card # _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____	Exp. Date _____
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Parish _____	Banking # _____
	Account Holder _____



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
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ETHAN HENRY, SEMINARIAN

"I am particularly grateful for your support of the Bishop's Appeal. Your generosity sustains the Church's formation efforts, fulfilling prayers who serve God's people with love and dedication."

I grew up in Houston 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 trained the end of college the Lord's call grew louder, and I asked my father for a year in the desert before ministry. He said later, "I learned the proper perspective about taking time under St. Michael Semar, and two friends joining me. It was a sign of God's providence. This journey deepened my calling to the priesthood."



REBECCA ABBODD, FORMATION MINISTRIES

Your support of the Bishop's Appeal enables us to 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 we 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 prayer, not only did I grow spiritually, but I learned how to guide others in encountering Christ. Now, as a pastor, I have the privilege of walking alongside parish leaders across our diocese, offering support to the unique needs of each community. These encounters have deepened my love for our culturally rich and vibrant diocese, revealing the beauty and generosity of our people. This vital ministry is only possible through the generosity of the Bishop's Appeal.



FR. SIMON PETER ENGOURAIT, DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Peter Engourait began "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love" ministry as his first act as the pastor of our parish, St. John the Baptist, in the heart of the city of New Orleans. This ministry has been a source of joy and growth for our parish, and I am grateful for the support of the Bishop's Appeal. It is through this ministry that we can continue to grow together in love and faith, and I am grateful for the support of the Bishop's Appeal."

Whether closer home to us with 47 parishes or 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, embracing Christ's call to love, serve, and uplift those in need. Your generosity equips us to act 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.



Make your gift online!

hidocess.org/give-now

To make your gift by credit card or electronic funds transfer, please visit our secure website.

1. YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE 2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

☐ With a recurring gift of:

☐ \$1,500+ ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$5 ☐ \$1

☐ With a one-time gift of:

☐ \$1,500+ ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$5 ☐ \$1

2. PAYMENT DETAILS

Make checks payable to:

Annual Bishop's Appeal

☐ Full amount enclosed

☐ First payment enclosed

Check enclosed for: \$ _____

Balance remaining: \$ _____

For questions or assistance, please call Michele Ohmer at (855) 850-3175 or email bishopspappeal@hidocess.org

2025 In-Pew Piece

2025 Materials



Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
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📞 Text **IMPACT** to **866-464-7720**
📞 to give today
📞 Call **985-456-3175** or
📧 email inshiner@hidiocease.org

2025 Non-Donor Postcard

2025 Materials¹⁰



DATE _____

MAILING SALUTATION
STREET
CITY, STATE ZIP

Dear INFORMAL SALUTATION,

In the famous hymn by Fr Peter Scholtes "They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love" we are reminded about LOVE as the center of the Christian faith. In the first letter of St John, we read that God is Love and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in them (1 John 4:16). This fundamental teaching encourages us to focus on genuine love and compassion, which is why we have selected as our theme for the 2025 Bishop's Appeal "Growing Together in God's Love" to remind us that our actions should reflect our commitment to God's will and care for others.

So, What Does Love Have to do With It?
Everything!

As we engage in the Bishop's Appeal, we are called to reflect on how our giving not only impacts others but also deepens our own spiritual journey, aligning our hearts with God's mission of love and service. "Growing Together in God's Love," invites us to reflect on the profound connections we share within our faith community and with those in need. This theme emphasizes the importance of unity and mutual support, encouraging all within our community to deepen their relationships with one another and with God. By recognizing our collective responsibility, knowing that together we can accomplish more than one parish can do alone, we embody the spirit of love and compassion that Christ Himself exemplified throughout His ministry.

When we reflect on Jesus' teachings on love and generosity, we can hear His call to love and serve others, particularly the marginalized and the suffering. As demonstrated through His actions, while on this earth, love is not merely a feeling but a commitment to actively support and uplift those around us. He challenges us to extend our love beyond our immediate circles and to pray for everyone.

Love Has Everything to do with Everything!

Moreover, "Growing Together in God's Love" serves as a powerful reminder that our acts of generosity are expressions of our faith. When we give, we participate in a communal effort to create a more just and loving world. Each contribution, no matter the size, helps build a foundation of support within our diocese, fostering an environment where God's love can flourish, and so can ours. **Your expression of LOVE directly impacts the youth within our parishes, schools and on Nicholls campus.** It's an expression of our faith in those who shepherd us even in their retirement and those who will soon be our pastors.

<Informal Name>, <It is in this spirit of unity that I come to you as a generous donor in our <Leadership Giving Society>; strong in faith and filled with conviction and care, to continue your leadership giving to the Bishop's Appeal. You are part of a community of benefactors who take a guiding role in the work of the Church through the Bishop's Appeal and as a member, share a vision for the future and mission of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Simon Peter Engurait
Diocesan Administrator
Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux



Make your gift online!
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To make your gift by credit card or electronic funds transfer, please visit our website.

1. YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE 2025 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

With a **recurring** gift of:

☐ \$5-\$9 ☐ \$10-\$25 ☐ \$26-\$50 ☐ \$51-\$75 ☐ \$76-\$100 ☐ Other \$_____

OR

☐ One-time gift of:

☐ \$5-\$9 ☐ \$10-\$25 ☐ \$26-\$50 ☐ \$51-\$75 ☐ \$76-\$100 ☐ Other \$_____

Make checks payable to:
Annual Bishop's Appeal
☐ Full amount enclosed
☐ First payment enclosed

Check enclosed for \$_____

Balance remaining \$_____



SEND # _____
<First Name>-<Last Name>
<Address 1>
<Address 2>
<City>, <State> <Zip>
<Parish Name>
<CDQ21>

3. DONOR INFORMATION

Primary Email _____

Spouse Email _____

Phone Number _____

☐ Please send information on contributing through:
☐ Stock Transfer ☐ Credit/debit ☐ My Estate

4. LEAVE A LEGACY

☐ Yes, I would like to learn more about how to include my parish, a Catholic School, the Diocese and/or other

2025 Donor Letters

- Giving society
- New Donors
- Lapse
- Recurring

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2025 Materials



*You are being enriched in every way for all generosity,
which through us produces thanksgiving to God.*

2 Corinthians 9:11

O God, source of life and every blessing,

All that we have comes from You.

Help us to walk in Your ways as faithful
disciples of Jesus, teaching us to be good and
faithful stewards of Your many blessings.

Lord, grant us the grace to receive Your gifts
gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share
them in justice and love with others, and return
them with increase to You, our Father.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St. Francis de Sales, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.



2025 Prayer Card

2025 Timeline¹²

Item	Date	Notes
2025 Trainings	January 14 - 21	All parishes are broken down to smaller groups by location.
Catholic Schools Art Contest	January 17 - 31	
1st Letter Mailed	January 29	Everyone who is a registered and active parishioner will receive a letter or postcard.
Education Weekend	Feb 1 - 2	Please place all materials in the pew.
Commitment Weekend	Feb 8 - 9	Please use the Homily Help section to ask for commitment.
Follow Up Weekend	Feb 15 - 16	
Thank You Weekend	Feb 22 - 23	
2nd Mailing	April 7	Those who have not made their 2025 gift will receive this letter.
Annual Report	August 18	
Lagniappe Mailing	Nov 3	Last chance to make 2025 gift!

Key Concepts

Catholic Schools Week Art Contest: During Catholic Schools Week (January 27-31) we will be hosting an art contest for all 10 Catholic schools and individual students to enter. The art contest is divided into a writing and visual category and by elementary, middle, and high school levels. All art work must follow the theme of "Growing Together in God's Love" (the 2025 appeal theme. The art contest will help us engage the Catholic School ministry of the appeal while hopefully reaching out to families and receiving their information that have not been active.

Digital Marketing: We continue to move towards the digital aspect to encourage people to make their gifts. We will continue to have sponsored ads on social media that will also include small videos and stories.

Monthly Stewardship Messages: Each month all registered parishioners will receive an email message from a representative from a key ministry of the appeal. The messages will be based on a ministry of ABA that will encourage parishioner to be engaged or give towards the 2025 appeal. Each quarter there will be an update of the current goal and where we stand as a diocese.

Celebration Lunches: As a thank you to those parishes that meet their goal we will provide a lunch delivered by our staff to your staff! Our Treat!

Essential Roles

The Pastor

The Pastor's role is essential to the success of the Bishop's Appeal, as it is to any other parish endeavor. His enthusiastic support for the appeal is vital and is evident in the manner in which he publicly speaks from the pulpit and at other parish gatherings about the appeal's purpose and significance. Generally, people will be lifted to a level of giving inspired by the Pastor and stewardship leaders.

The Pastor invites enthusiastic lay faithful to serve as the coordinators to assist in implementing the Bishop's Appeal. He works closely with these lay leaders, offers advice, ensures that parish reports are correct, and that pledges and gifts (checks) are forwarded to the Catholic Foundation's Office in a timely manner.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the Bishop's Appeal are the pulpit presentations, especially the talk of the pastor since he has the most influence with his parishioners. A sample pastor talk is not provided for the very reason of "no one knows a parish better than the pastor." Nevertheless, each pastor is encouraged to review the sample notes. Please note the emphasis on encouraging the parishioners to use the monthly payment system in an effort for them to increase the gifts they have made in the past.

Appeal Coordinator

The parish coordinator directly organizes and coordinates the parish drive and works in close collaboration with the pastor. They invite other parishioners to join them in this collaborative effort, especially since the annual appeal is a partnership and should embrace the talents and good will of many.

For the Bishop's Appeal Pastors or Coordinators:

- Ensure that appropriate publicity and campaign announcements are made
- See that the poster has been placed in position
- Order materials and resources as needed from the Catholic Foundation's Office
- Approach designated parishioners to ask for donor contributions – lists can be provided by the Catholic Foundation Office
- Thank parishioners for their gifts
- See that all videos for the 'faces' of the campaign are on parish social media and website as necessary to help communicate the need
- See that all pledge envelopes and pens are available in pews for all Masses and that Bulletin Inserts are distributed on the week prior to In-Pew Sunday

Guest Speakers:

A guest speaker will be assigned to each parish by the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana. Some assistance may be needed for some parishes to help find a guest speaker for engaged parishioners with the appeal as it is difficult to accommodate all 39 parishes within the diocese. Guest speakers should be representatives of the diocese, ministries, leadership, and involved parishioners. If schedules permits guests speakers will be assigned to speak at your most attended Mass during Education Weekend or Commitment Weekend. Once guest speakers are assigned the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana will provide a speaking template that can be personalized based on your role and parish.

Homily Help for Commitment Weekend February 7-8

We are all asked to donate to many different organizations, but I'd like to share with you, very simply, how my ask of you today, which is to give to the Bishop's Appeal, impacts and enriches your own life, as well as the lives of people within the diocese.

Please raise your hand, if the question that I ask is something that you have experienced, or that has been made available to you as a member of our faith, our diocese and our parish. Please remain with your hand raised, until I have asked all 5 of the questions. All children please participate too! (PASTOR PICKS 5 questions below and reads out loud, reminding the parishioners to please keep their raised after each question if they have experienced the ministry:.)

1. Have you had children confirmed or baptized in this parish or another parish with the Diocese?
2. Have you known anyone, or have you yourself, been in a marriage encounter class?
3. Have you or your family attended or organized a funeral within this parish or another within the diocese?
4. Do you have children, nieces, nephew, grandchildren, that attend catholic school?
5. Have your children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, attended a youth conference?
6. Have your children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, gone or currently go to religious education class?
7. Do you care about those that are hungry and or homeless?
8. Do you care enough to help us provide care to those that are hungry or homeless?
9. Do you pray for retired priests and pray for the strength of our current priests?
10. Are you concerned that we do not have enough seminarians for future generations?

IF you answered any of these questions with a YES, then you, and your family members have benefited from the ministries within the Bishop's Appeal. LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF YOU With your hands raised!!!! You may now place your hand down.
Thank you!

There are many needs in our diocese: married couples crave spiritual development in their vocations.

Priests who have given their lives need care in their old age and infirmity.

Seminarians need pastoral formation to prepare for a life of service to the Church.

Rural and needy parishes in the diocese need financial support to bring the Word of God to their parishioners.

Homily Help for Commitment Weekend February

7-8 cont.

Children need a faith-filled education to go out into the world in the future as disciples of Christ, ...and the list goes on. We are called right now, this weekend, to give to the Bishop's Appeal and show our gratitude to God by sharing what God has given to us. Just a minute ago you raised your hand in recognition that you yourself or your family have benefited from the Bishop's Appeal.

Please take a few moments to reflect on how you can give generously of yourself and make a gift. If you think you can give \$100, ask yourself if \$120 is possible. If you can't give \$120, how about \$105? You can act with any amount of generosity. If you have never made a gift to the Bishop's Appeal before, there are several easy options for making your gift by credit card, check, or cash, either as a one-time gift or as a monthly gift.

If you have made a gift before, maybe you can give \$10, \$20, or \$50 more than you gave last year. If you think you can give \$100, ask yourself if \$120 is possible. If you can't give \$120, how about \$105? Each gift you make—no matter how big or small—goes directly to promoting the work of Jesus and helping the people within our diocese.

Our ushers will be passing out the baskets now.

Please use this piece (hold up the new piece) and fill it out, place it in the basket now or at the end of mass, or take it home and discuss it as a family as you prayerfully consider a gift. There are pencils in the pews. PLEASE participate today, no matter how much you offer, and help us make our parish goal of 100% participation.

I give thanks to the Lord for your generosity and your prayerful consideration of making a gift to the ABA. Your gift is much appreciated by not only us, but also by all those whose lives are touched by your generosity.

Ushers pass out baskets. Thank you very much!

Bulletin Inserts and Announcements

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For February 1-2 Education Weekend:

Let us join together to leave a lasting impact on others [INSERT PARISH NAME] launches our 2025 Bishop's Appeal. [INSERT PARISH NAME] is committed to supporting the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and its ministries through the Bishop's Appeal and supporting the key ministries that serve our parishioners directly through the appeal. We ask that you join us in prayers and generosity as we support our 6 Seminarians, our 18 retired priests, [Parish Name] Youth and Adult Formation, Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office, Diocesan Ethnic Ministries, and Colonel Catholic Campus Ministry. We ask that you prayerfully reflect on God's great generosity and respond with a commitment of your prayers and, if you can place, consider a generous giving of our own. We encourage you to watch the Bishop's Appeal Video at home this week on our Diocese social media page and online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal. {INSERT QR CODE}

Please be on the watch for your materials and how you can learn about your prayers and gifts help us live the Lord's mission through the Bishop's Appeal. If you would like more information about the 2025 Appeal, please contact the Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3136 or email lcrosby@htdiocese.org.

For February 8-9 Commitment Weekend:

Please join [Parish Priest Name] as [Insert Parish Name] launches our 2025 Bishop's Appeal. We ask that you pray for our diocese and our appeal and prayerfully consider making a commitment to support the ministries lead by the Bishop's Appeal. We as a Catholic community are called to lead with our prayers and to support our church as parish and diocese. When making your commitment, please remember that by your prayers and gifts are directly support our 6 Seminarians, our 18 retired priests, [Parish Name] Youth and Adult Formation, Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office, our Diocesan Ethnic Ministries, and Colonel Catholic Campus Ministry.

[Parish Name] has thus far reached _ _ % of our parish goal of \$\$. Please prayerfully consider a gift to support our Bishop's Appeal and our parish. Use the QR Code or give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass this weekend, or you may simply mail your commitment to the diocese in the provided envelope.

If you would like more information about the 2024 Appeal, please contact the Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3136 or email lcrosby@htdiocese.org.

Bulletin Inserts and Announcements

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For February 15-16 Follow Up Weekend:

[INSERT PARISH] is pleased with the very good early response to the 2025 Bishop's Appeal, for which we are immensely thankful. Thus far, we have achieved % of our \$ goal, however, we know that there are still many who have yet to make their commitment. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Bishop's Appeal by returning your commitment card in the offertory or simply mailing it to the diocese in the provided envelope using the QR code. you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online.

Every gift no matter how big or small makes a difference across our diocese. Your prayers and gifts support our 6 Seminarians, our 18 retired priests, [Parish Name] Youth and Adult Formation, Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office, our Diocesan Ethnic Ministries, and Colonel Catholics Campus Ministry.

If you would like more information about the 2025 Appeal, please contact the Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3136 or email lcrosby@htdiocese.org.

For February 22-23 Thank You Weekend:

[INSERT PRIEST NAME] and the ministries of the diocese would like to thank everyone in [INSERT PARISH NAME] parish and all people throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for answering the call of prayers and generosity to the 2025 Bishop's Appeal. Each gift our diocese receives directly supports our 6 Seminarians, our 18 retired priests, [Parish Name] Youth and Adult Formation, Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office, our Diocesan Ethnic Ministries, and Colonel Catholic Campus Ministry. The generosity and prayers our diocese has received remind us that hope is in us all, but more importantly, it is in the most important person - Jesus. Thus far [INSERT PARISH NAME] has reached % of its appeal goal, thank you.

If you have yet to make your commitment and would still like to do so, there is still time as you can, use the QR Code, return your commitment card in the offertory, or simply mail it to the diocese in the provided envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online.

If you would like more information about the 2025 Appeal, please contact the Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3136 or email lcrosby@htdiocese.org.

Methods of Payment

How Gifts are Made

Most donors make their contribution to the Bishop's Appeal directly by:

1. Mail to the appeal office – PO Box 505, Schriever 70395
2. Online via the website using link or QR code – <https://htdiocese.org/give-now>
3. IN PEW at their parish during an in-pew collection or in response to a parish mailing. Gifts of Stock, IRAs or Donor Advised Funds are also accepted; please visit the website or contact our office for instructions at 985-850-3122 or aponson@htdiocese.org

Gift Types & Payment

There are two main types of gifts:

- 1) Cash Gifts are one-time gifts with immediate payment.
- 2) Pledge Gifts are a promise to contribute a certain amount which is then fulfilled over a period of time. All pledges must be complete by December 2025. However, ongoing recurring gifts are ENCOURAGED

a. Online recurring via htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal.

b. Mail to PO Box 505, Schriever, LA 70395

c. In Pew at church

- 3) Other Gifts: gifts of stock can be made by calling 985-850-3122

Regardless of gift type, donors have the option of receiving a reminder statement or providing credit card info on the pledge slip. Some parishioners may enclose cash in their envelope. Please do not mail cash payments; instead send a parish check. All checks should be payable to "Bishop's Appeal".

Direct/Online Gifts

Direct and Online gifts received at the Catholic Foundation Office are processed daily.

If you would like a report listing the total of direct and online gifts that have been credited to your parish, please contact Michelle Ohmer at mohmer@htdiocese.org or 985-850-3175.

The Bishop's Society Levels

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is grateful to our generous donors – at every level– who support the tremendous work taking place within our diocese. The Bishop's Society is a special association of the Catholic men and women who take a leadership role in the work of the church. As a member, your generosity will set an example of good stewardship as you reach out with love to people and ministries in need of your assistance. The donor societies recognize those who have made a special commitment of \$250 or above to the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Bishop's Partners in HOPE ~ those donors at the \$250 to \$499 level

- Annual progress newsletter for Appeal supporters
- Inclusion in mass prayer intentions
- Monthly E-Mail Messages

Bishop's Circle ~ those donors at the \$500 to \$2,499 level

- All of the above, plus the following:
- Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana Annual Report

Mitre Society ~ those donors at the \$2500 to \$4,999 level

- 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 Bishop's Guild ~ those donors at the \$5,000 to \$9,999 level

- 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 in availability of staff and donor preference)

Society of the Good Shepherd ~ those donors at the \$10,000 and above level

- All of the above, plus the following:
- Private meal and gift from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Bishop

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1. Who benefits from the Bishop's Appeal?

Every parish and all people within them benefit from the Bishop's Appeal, as well as those specific ministries such as Seminarian Education, Priest Retirement, Catholic Schools, Formation Ministries, and Ethnic Ministries.

2. What is the goal of the Bishop's Appeal?

The goal of the 2025 Bishop's Appeal is \$1 million, however, the needs of the diocese exceed that number. It will be to the benefit of the ministries that are supported by the Bishop's Appeal to be as successful as possible.

3. How can I make a gift to the Bishops Appeal?

- Donate online at: <https://htdiocese.org/give-now>
- Make a gift over the phone at 985-850-3175
- Fill out an in-pew at your parish
- Complete and return the pledge card you received in the mail
- Gift of stocks, IRA distributions, bequests, and charitable annuities can be coordinated by calling Amy Ponson at 985-850-3166 or aponson@htdiocese.org

4. What payments methods can I use to make a gift?

- Cash, check, credit card, electronic transfer, and DAF's
- Scan the QR Code with the camera of your phone on all available Bishop's Appeal material

5. Where should they send their pledge/gift?

- Your check should be made payable to:
Annual Bishop's Appeal
PO Box 505
Schriever, LA 70395

6. How can I find my parishes current goal standing?

The parishes goals are updated weekly online at <https://htdiocese.org/parish-resources> under Bishop's Appeal 2025 Goals and updates

7. Where can I find material?

All material is uploaded online at: <https://htdiocese.org/parish-resources>