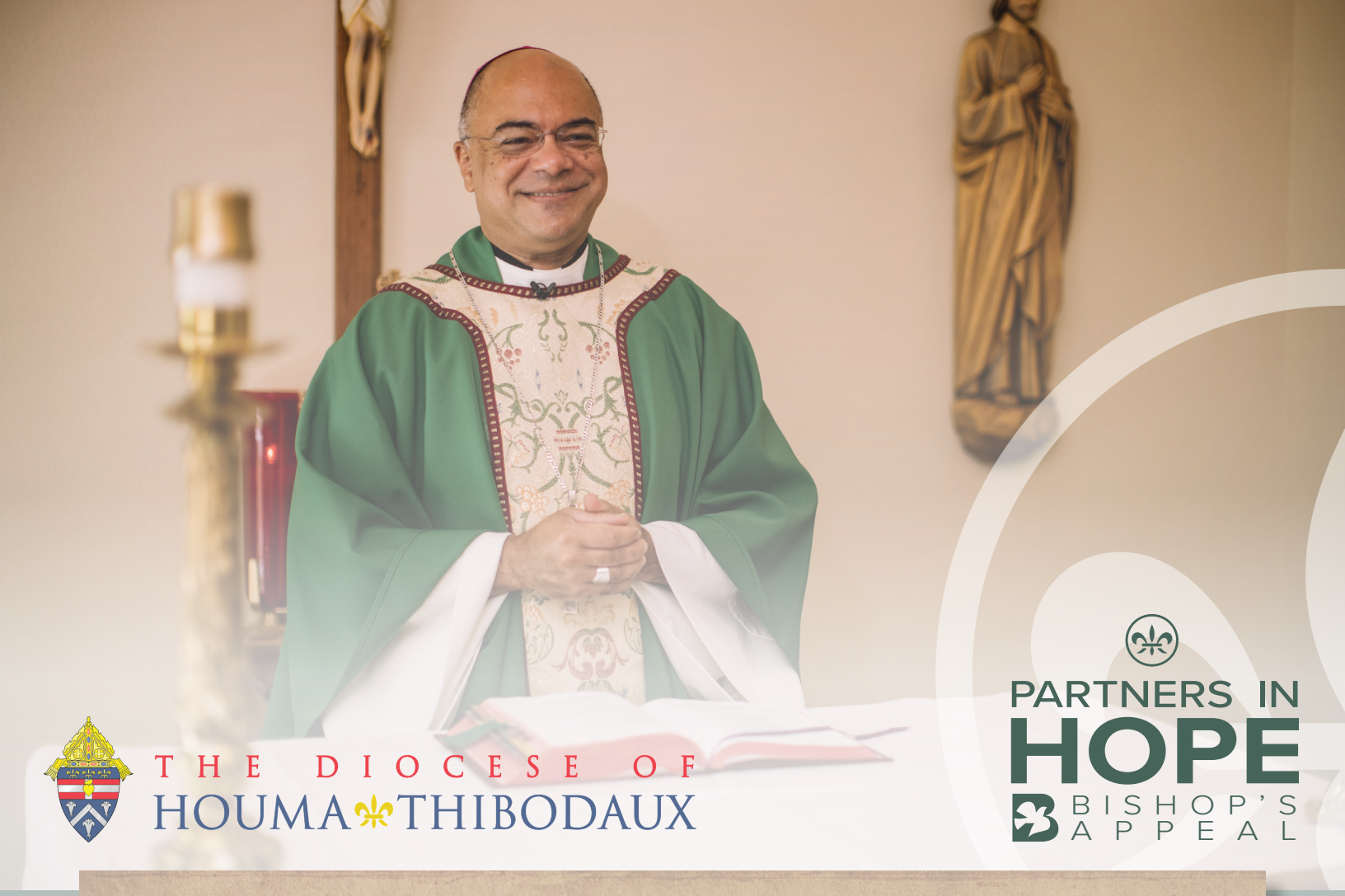

THE DIOCESE OF
HOUMA THIBODAUX

PARTNERS IN
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BISHOP'S
APPEAL

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The past year has brought about great challenges for each of us, yet our faith has remained consistent in our times of need. It is our faith that reminds us that through God we can weather the storm. His love is unending, just as Psalm 126:3 says, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love endures forever."

While you review this year's Annual Report, I would like to personally extend my sincere gratitude for your support this year even despite our difficult times. As you can see, your gift to our Annual Bishop's Appeal touches the lives of many across our diocese. From supporting our seminarians and our retired priests to advancing educational ministries in our parishes and schools, no parish alone could support these important ministries and programs. However, as one Catholic Church together we are able to accomplish so much!

As we prepare for our 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal, please know that your prayers and support are needed and greatly appreciated. Our theme for our upcoming campaign is focused on A Year of Our Faith! Let us join together and rediscover our Faith as we are able to go back into churches, go back to receiving the Eucharist, and rediscover strong stewardship in our parishes and diocese.

Please know of my sincere gratitude for all you have done this year. It is because of supporters like you that we are able educate our seminarians, care for our retired priests, and do so much more throughout our diocese. Please take a moment to review the Annual Report to see how funds collected were allocated to the different ministries.

Your prayers and generosity make a difference. Please know I am praying for you and your family.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Shelton J. Fabre

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre

When You Give…

…. I can serve

Seminarian Education provides our diocese with priests that will minister to our Catholic Community. This past June we ordained Rusty Bruce from Cut Off and Daniel Duplantis from Bayou Blue as priests for our diocese. Your support of the Annual Bishop's Appeal helped these seminarians prepare for the priesthood so that they receive the academic and spiritual formation necessary to serve the people of our diocese. Currently, we have eleven seminarians who intend to spend their lives serving the church.

…I am cared for

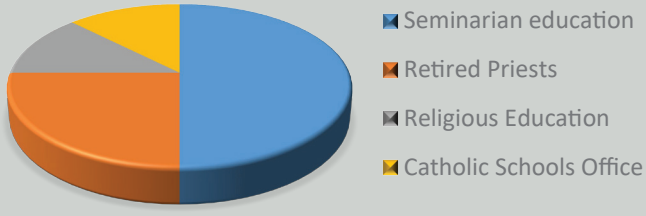
Your gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal is a way of honoring those retired priests that have faithfully served our parishes and diocese for many years. Even in retirement, many continue to serve by celebrating Mass, visiting hospitals, and ministering to the sick. Our diocese cares for our clergy through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

…I am educated

Your contribution to the Annual Bishop's Appeal provides funding to the Office of Catholic Schools, ensuring a vital and dynamic Catholic education throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and the continued resources and training of our religious education leaders in each of our parishes. Catholic education is one of the largest ministries within the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, serving over 5,000 students' each year.

Your continued gift to the 2020 Partner's in Hope Annual Bishop's Appeal impacts the lives of thousands of people through essential ministries across the Diocese each and every day. Your support helps educate our seminarians, care for our retired priests, and supports our parish and school religious education through the Office of Parish Support and the Office of Catholic Schools. We could not do it without the great generosity of thousands of our parishioners. You are the ones making the difference. Your gift support our dicoese.

2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal Distribution



$392,677 Seminarian education
$196,338 Retired Priests
$98,169 Catholic Schools Office
$98,169 Youth Formation Parish Support

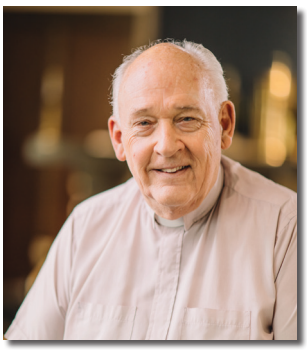
Gifts to the Partners in Hope Annual Bishop's Appeal are tax deductible. For more information on the Annual Bishop's Appeal please call 985.850.3122.

Seminarian Education

- Currently our diocese supports all 11 seminarians
- Average cost of their education including books and room and board is $45,000 a year for eight years

Religious Education

- Directly trains parish small group leaders
- Works hands on with each parish through the implementation of their restructuring of parish youth formation



Support of our Retired Priests

- Provides for our retired priests' health and long-term care needs
- Covers costs of cancer and intensive care policies while supplementing their retirement

Catholic Schools Office

- Catholic Schools office works to build and strengthen teaching and learning in an effort to provide an outstanding faith-filled environment for all students
- Works with teacher-ministers and administrators to provide educational opportunities to grow spiritually and academically

11 Seminarians

39 Parishes supported through religious education

17 Retired Priests

5,000+ Students in Catholic Schools through Catholic Schools Office

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