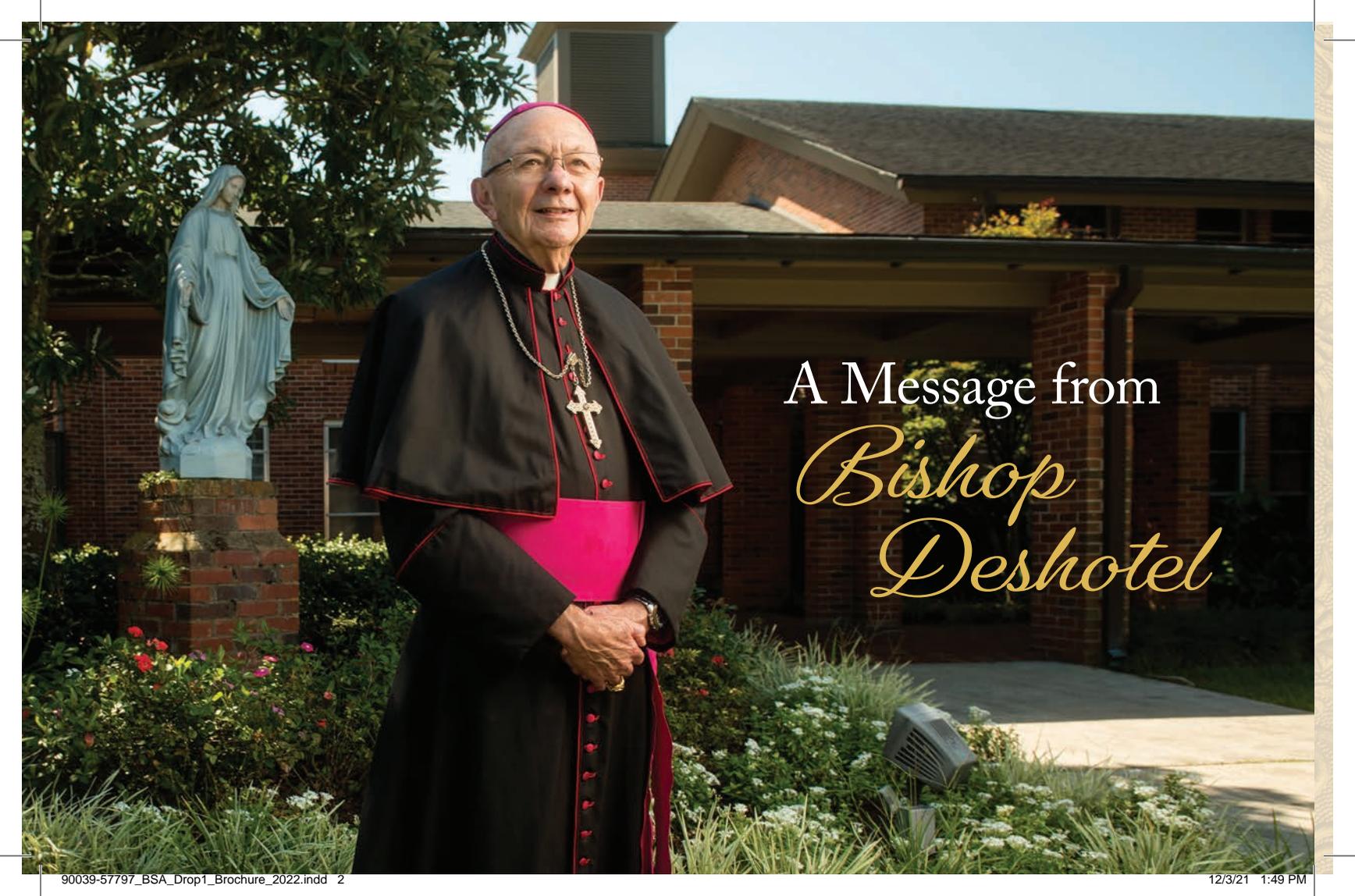


GROWING IN  
*Charity &  
Love*

2022  
**BISHOP'S**  
SERVICES  APPEAL  
*Supporting the Works of Christ*

**DIOCESE of LAFAYETTE**  
LOUISIANA

A photograph of Bishop Deshotel, an elderly man with glasses, wearing a black cassock with a magenta sash and a zucchetto. He is standing in front of a brick building with a statue of the Virgin Mary in the background. The text "A Message from Bishop Deshotel" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

A Message from  
*Bishop*  
*Deshotel*

**AS DEVOTED CATHOLICS**, we know we honor the words of the psalmist when we humble ourselves in worship and service. *“Let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us”* (Psalm 95:6). In such a pose of humility, Jesus Himself demonstrated the heart of a servant at the Last Supper, our inspiration for the Bishop’s Services Appeal this year, ***Growing in Charity and Love***.

Like all the faithful before us, we apply His lesson of servanthood when we focus on the concerns of other people. The annual Bishop’s Services Appeal is our opportunity to build one another up as we share ***Charity and Love***.

Through your gifts to the Bishop’s Services Appeal, you lovingly provide for the future of our Church with seminarian and deacon formation. You ensure that the hungry receive food and that those in prison are lifted up by the Word of God. Each time we extend Christ’s compassion for others, we ourselves are ***Growing in Charity and Love***.

The Lord calls us to follow His loving model and to do for others as He has done for us. The master became the servant as He washed the feet of His apostles. He reached out, and I am asking you to do the same. Embrace a servant’s heart and give to support the ongoing work of the BSA. Each and every day as your donation lifts up people throughout our diocese, you will be sharing the ***Charity and Love*** of Christ with those who truly need you.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.  
Bishop of Lafayette

# Washing

## THE FEET OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Christ washed the feet of His apostles at the Last Supper and revealed His heart for His disciples in this simple act of service. Family by family, let us proclaim the Good News, ensure the future of our Church and rebuild lives.

Together, we will humbly serve our communities in charity and love.

*“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”*

Pope Francis

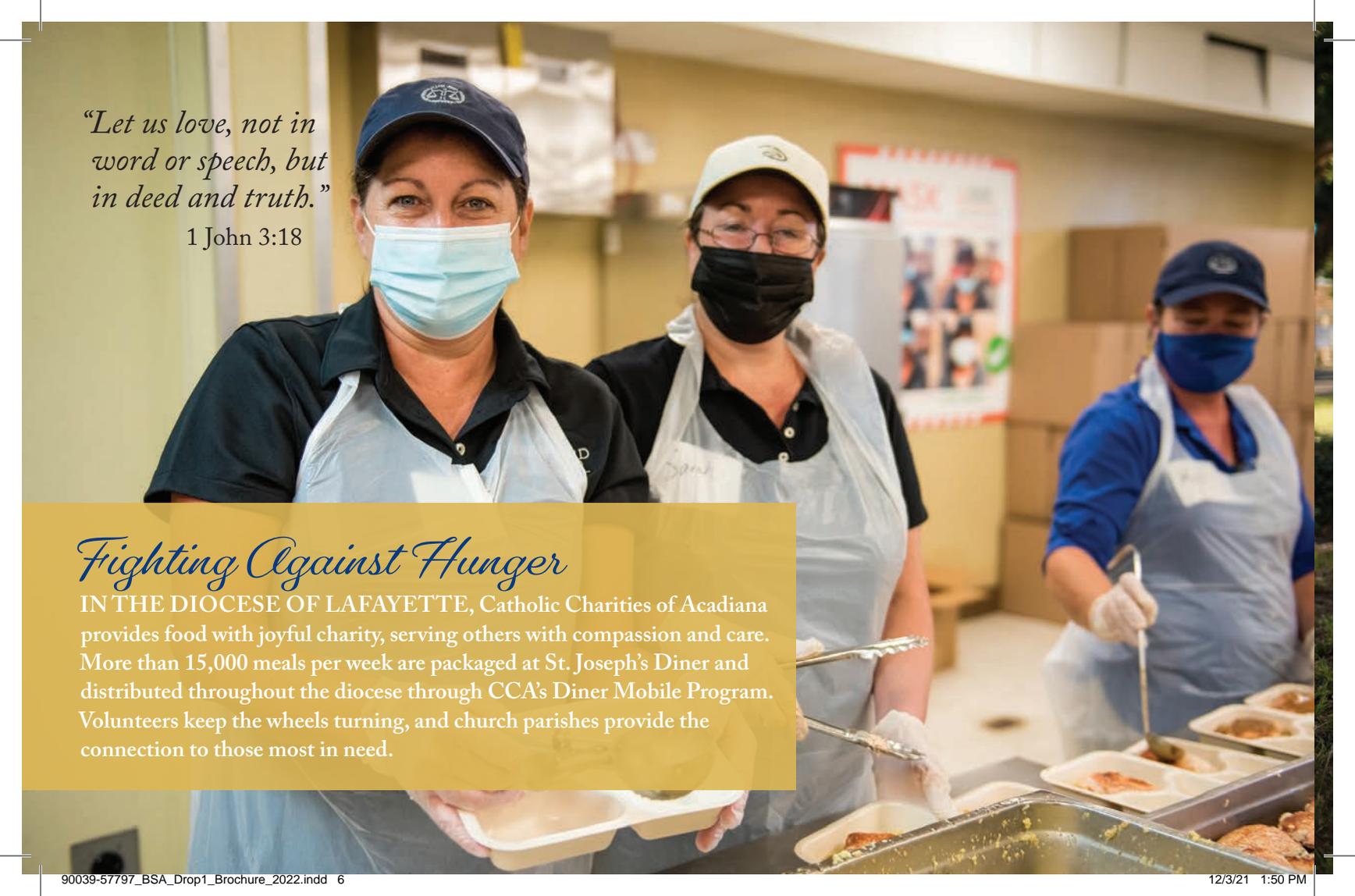
A photograph of five young men standing in a brightly lit hallway with large arched windows. They are all dressed in black clerical suits with white collars. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The hallway has a classic architectural style with high ceilings and decorative elements.

*“I will appoint for you  
shepherds after my own heart.”*

Jeremiah 3:15

## *Supporting our Seminarians*

IT IS MISSION CRITICAL in a world thirsting for the truth that we have holy priests to serve the people of God. Twenty young men in the Diocese of Lafayette are currently attending the seminary, aiming toward the goal of priestly ordination. Your support of the BSA covers the cost of their formation as they dedicate themselves even now in charity and love.



*“Let us love, not in  
word or speech, but  
in deed and truth.”*

1 John 3:18

## *Fighting Against Hunger*

IN THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE, Catholic Charities of Acadiana provides food with joyful charity, serving others with compassion and care. More than 15,000 meals per week are packaged at St. Joseph’s Diner and distributed throughout the diocese through CCA’s Diner Mobile Program. Volunteers keep the wheels turning, and church parishes provide the connection to those most in need.



## *Keeping Kids Safe*

SHINING IN THE SUN, the pinwheel is reflective of the bright future all children deserve. Sponsored locally by the diocese's Safe Environment Program, the Pinwheels for Prevention project is a community activity for prevention awareness to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur. The Office of Safe Environment conducts regular criminal background checks on all clergy, religious and lay people who come into contact with minors through Catholic parishes or schools.

## A Fellowship of Stewards: Coming Together in Charity and Love

### *A Celebrated Way to Honor a Lasting Legacy*

*“And now there remain faith, hope, and charity, these three:  
but the greatest of these is charity.”*

(First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 13:13)

When you give to the Bishop’s Services Appeal, you unite your gift with those of your Catholic brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Lafayette. Together, we answer God’s call with greater force and determination. Together we lift up those on the margins and bring them to the center of our lives. Together we form an unbroken circle of charity and love. Together, we faithfully steward our Church.



The Steward’s Fellowship of Givers celebrates your gift to the Bishop’s Services Appeal. It proclaims your solidarity with all those who answer the call to wash the feet of our brothers and sisters in need. Named after some of our most beloved saints, various giving circles within the Fellowship recognize your faithful stewardship of our diocesan family.

## The Steward’s Fellowship of Givers

**St. Clare’s Givers of Charity**

\$50 to \$99

**St. Luke’s Givers of Faithfulness**

\$100 to \$249

**St. Joan d’Arc’s Givers of Justice**

\$250 to \$499

**St. Jude’s Givers of Hope**

\$500 to \$999

**St. Faustina’s Givers of Mercy**

\$1,000 to \$1917

**St. Francis League**

*For sustaining givers of any  
amount for an ongoing  
monthly repeating gift*

## The 1918 Giving Society

*A Century of Catholic Faithfulness*



Needs may be timeless, but the charity and love of God's people is sure. In our centennial year of 2018, we honored the service of our ancestors who founded our diocese and acknowledged the significant needs of a mature Catholic Diocese by establishing the 1918 Giving Society.

Please join more than 200 families who have honored the heritage of 1918 by making a gift of \$1,918 or more. Your extravagant generosity is a light that will shine brightly in every corner of the Diocese of Lafayette.

### Centennial Circle

\$1,918 - \$2,499

### St. Joseph Circle

\$2,500 - \$4,999

### Marian Circle

\$5,000 - \$9,999

### Mitre Circle

\$10,000 - \$24,999

### Crosier Circle

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### Bishop's Circle

\$50,000 - \$99,999

### Immaculata Circle

\$100,000+

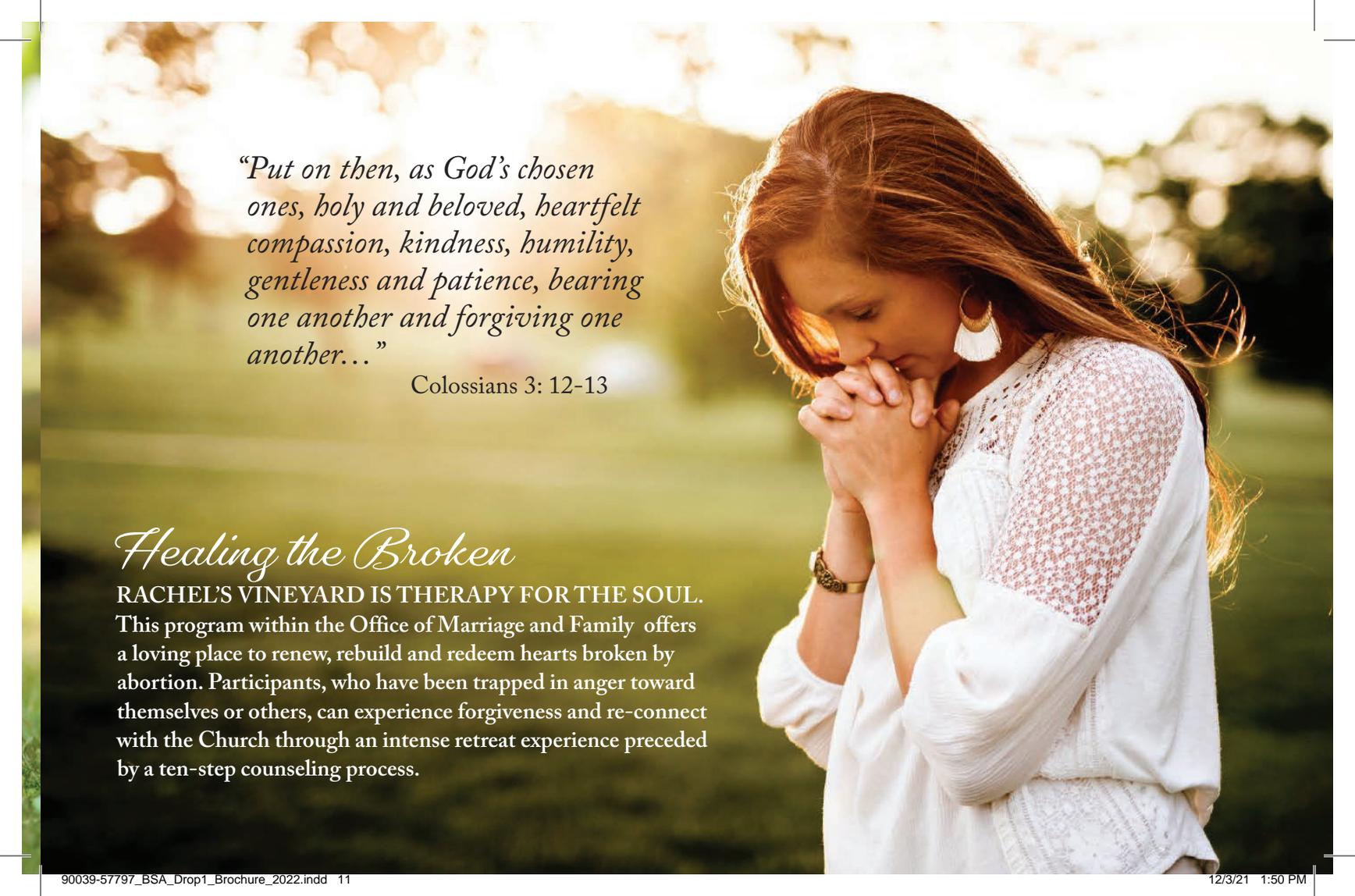


## *Strengthening the Culture of Life*

BELIEVING LIFE IS SACRED, begins at conception, originates and ends by God's determination, the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate engages the community with an integrated approach to offer life-affirming support and resources. Gifts to the BSA support its outreach through public education, pastoral care, legislative advocacy, marches and prayer services.

*"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."*

John 10:10



*“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing one another and forgiving one another...”*

Colossians 3: 12-13

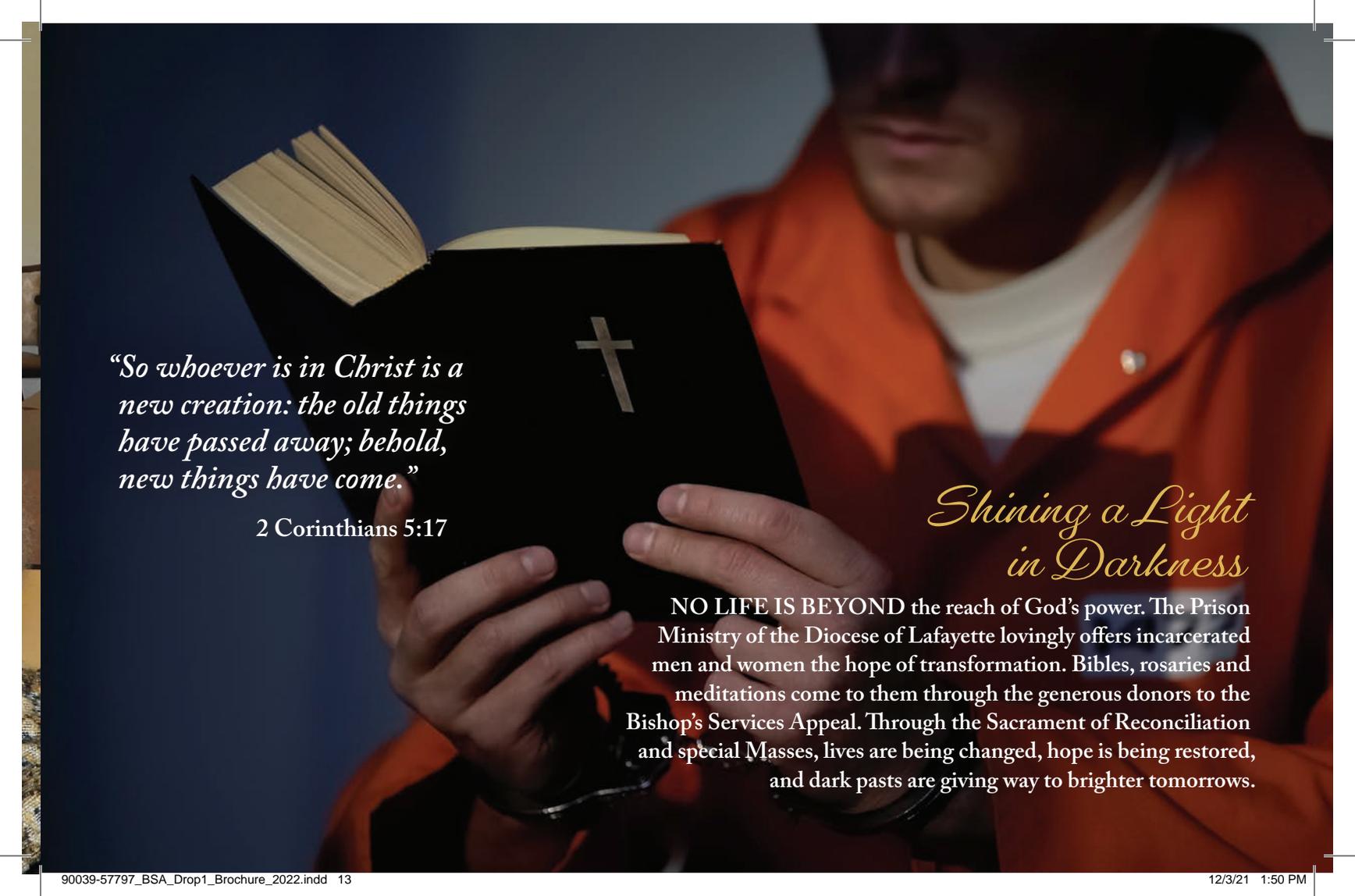
## *Healing the Broken*

RACHEL’S VINEYARD IS THERAPY FOR THE SOUL. This program within the Office of Marriage and Family offers a loving place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Participants, who have been trapped in anger toward themselves or others, can experience forgiveness and re-connect with the Church through an intense retreat experience preceded by a ten-step counseling process.

## *Serving the Faithful*

WHETHER THEIR MINISTRY is on the weekend at Church or perhaps a weeknight at a nursing home, the call of the permanent diaconate is a universal one: service to the faithful. The Diocese of Lafayette is blessed to have 79 active, permanent deacons who dedicate themselves to their parish communities and extend the charitable works of the diocese wherever they are most needed.



A man wearing an orange jumpsuit is shown from the chest up, holding an open black Bible. The Bible has a silver cross on the front cover. He is looking down at the pages. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

*“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”*

2 Corinthians 5:17

## *Shining a Light in Darkness*

NO LIFE IS BEYOND the reach of God’s power. The Prison Ministry of the Diocese of Lafayette lovingly offers incarcerated men and women the hope of transformation. Bibles, rosaries and meditations come to them through the generous donors to the Bishop’s Services Appeal. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and special Masses, lives are being changed, hope is being restored, and dark pasts are giving way to brighter tomorrows.

In the washing of the feet at the Last Supper, Jesus made service the measure of greatness as He brought His mission to the world. He knelt down on a hard floor, rolled up His sleeves and took on a dirty job. He chose to turn to the needs of others. May His humble witness seep into our hearts and into our communities.

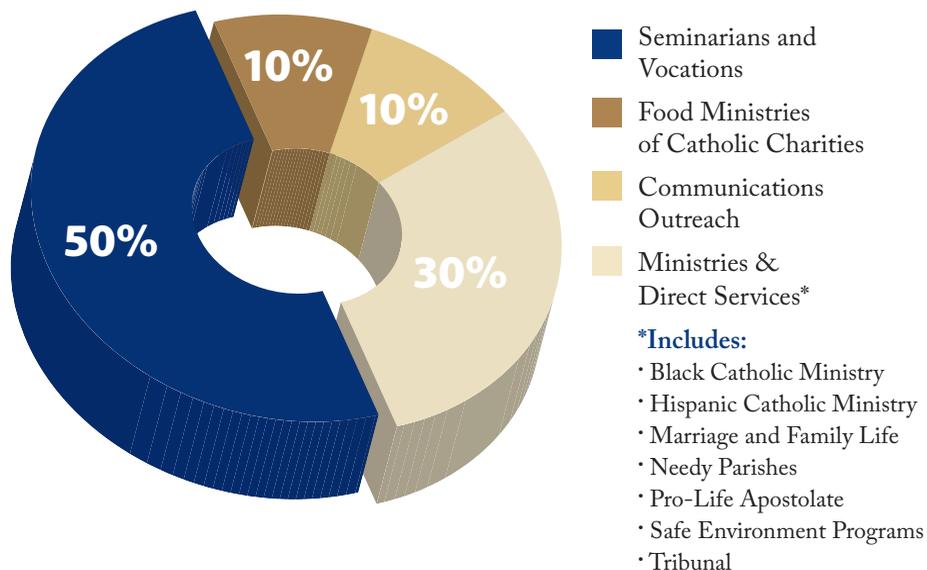
### Follow His Lead

Will you follow His lead and wash the feet of those in need within the diocese? By helping to preserve our Catholic traditions, by sharing the Gospel, and by serving the hungry and the broken, you are strengthening the works of Christ.

*“Charity means to live by the Spirit.  
If we love one another, God lives in us.”*

St. Katharine Drexel

## Where Charity and Love Prevail: In Mission. In Witness. In Community.



Please invest your treasure in support of the 2022 Bishop's Services Appeal.

Pledge by mail, by phone (337-261-5641), online at [diolaf.org/BSA](https://diolaf.org/BSA), or text **DIOCESE** to **50155**

# Convenient Ways to Give

## Mail



Complete the reply card included with your BSA mailing and return in the pre-paid envelope provided for your convenience.

## Online Giving



Visit [diolaf.org/BSA](https://diolaf.org/BSA) to learn more about the BSA and to make a gift online by selecting **DONATE NOW.**

Giving online is safe and secure.

## Text



Text **DIOCESE** to **50155** and make a secure gift via credit card on your mobile phone.

## Scan



Scan this QR code to make your donation.



## Join the St. Francis League as a Sustaining Giver

Maximize the impact of your gift when you sign up to make a continuous monthly gift through a credit or debit card as part of the St. Francis League. Your gift repeats for 12 months and continues from year-to-year. Less money for paper, mailing and processing means more money for ministry to serve the poor, families, clergy and children throughout the diocese.

Visit [diolaf.org/FrancisLeague](https://diolaf.org/FrancisLeague) to set up your gift today.

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On the cover: Jesus washes the feet of His apostles at the Last Supper. John 13:1-7.

Page 12: Jesus as a boy at the temple

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