



2022-2023
BISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL
DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

IMPACT REPORT





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you with joy as the 2022-2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal giving season comes to a close.

Throughout the past year, you have been a steward of God's graces for various ministries in our diocese, and words cannot adequately express the gratitude I have for you and your generous financial and spiritual support.

In this impact report, I would like to show you how your gifts and faithful stewardship have directly supported ministries that serve not only our local church family but the poor and marginalized in the Greater Baton Rouge community. Whether it be through supporting the future priests of our diocese or providing a mother in a crisis pregnancy shelter for her and her unborn child to thrive, you have made an impact that can be tangibly seen and felt in our faith community.

It is because of generosity like yours that the ministries of our diocese can and will continue to bear fruit for years to come. May God bless you abundantly.

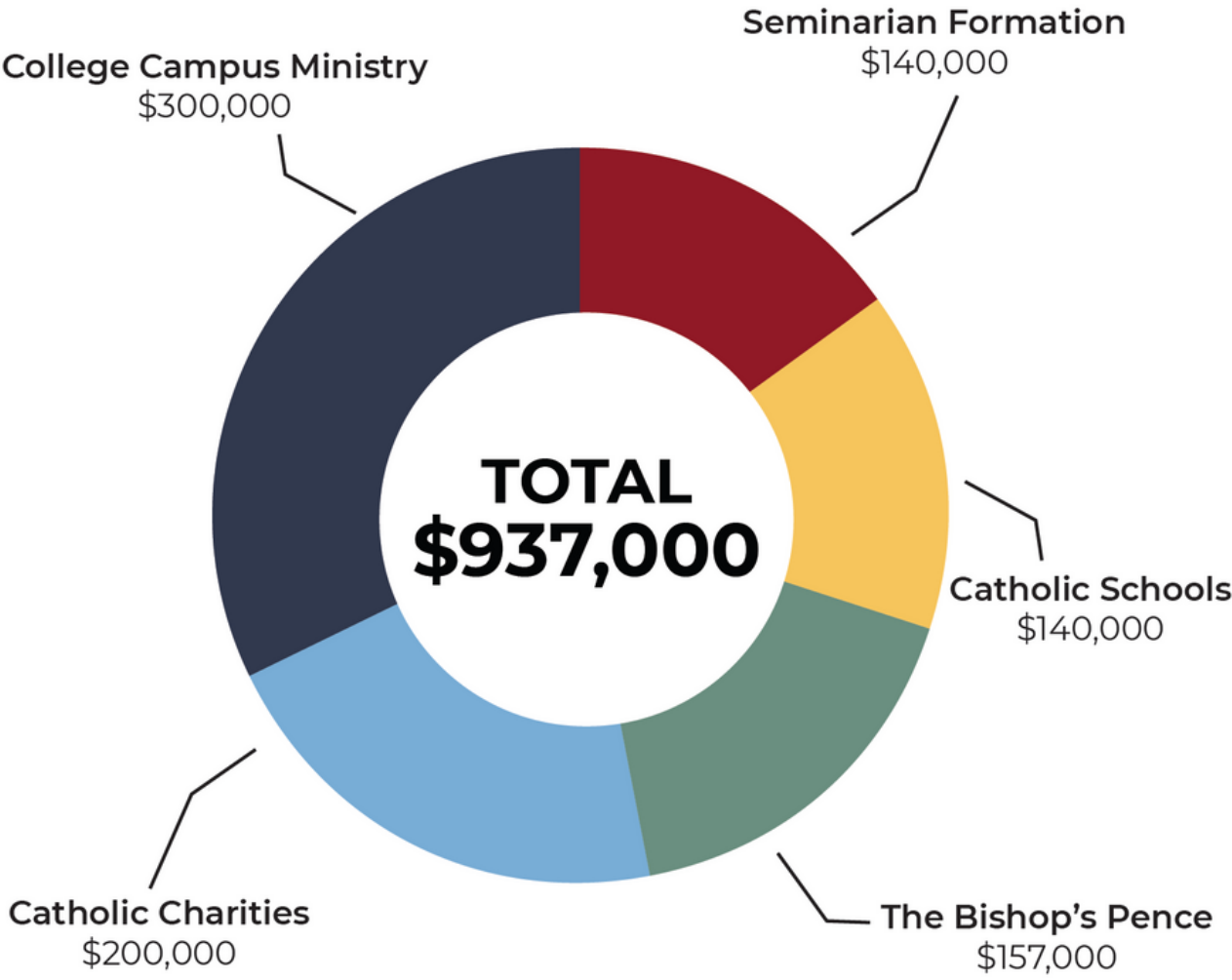
Hope in the Lord,

+ Michael G. Duca

Most Reverend Michael G. Duca
Bishop of Baton Rouge

YOUR GIFT
MAKES AN IMPACT

As we close the 2022-23 giving season, we are reminded of the Bible verse that has grounded our entire campaign: "as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). By giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you have become a steward of God's graces within our diocesan community, and we could not have made such an impact without you!



*The Bishop's Pence is a portion of the Bishop's Annual Appeal that Bishop Duca uses to fund smaller, lesser known ministries within our diocese. This year, the ministries receiving funds from the Bishop's Annual Appeal include **The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis (\$27,000)**, **The Office of Life, Peace & Justice (\$50,000)** and **CatholicLife Television (\$30,000)**. All leftover funds in the Bishop's Pence will be used throughout the upcoming year to contribute to additional projects or emergency relief efforts in our diocese.*



THANK YOU

FROM OUR NEWEST PRIESTS

Thank you to all of those whose prayers and sacrifice made my formation to the priesthood not only possible but guaranteed. I cannot stress enough how essential that support is for allowing a sincere process of discernment whose only goal is to ensure that candidates for the priesthood are adequately formed and prepared. I am extremely grateful for the formation I received, and it is unbelievably humbling to know how much spiritual and financial support has borne me up along the way, many times without my even being aware of it. Your support is an image of the tender care that Our Blessed Mother provided for her Son during his formative years, a mantle of love and protection as he came to maturity as the Priest and Savior he was called to be.

*In Christ,
Fr. Joseph Bresowar*



I want to personally thank you for your donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. You may not know this, but the Annual Appeal directly supports seminary formation each year. This means that it is thanks to your generosity that I have been able to attend seminary the last six years and am now ordained a priest of Jesus Christ. While I am no longer in seminary, I will never forget the gift each of you have been for me and I will continue to pray for you daily. May the Lord bless you abundantly in your generosity.

*In the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary,
Fr. Albert Blount*



IMPACT IN ACTION

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' SANCTUARY FOR LIFE & ST. PATRICK HOUSE



Because of your generosity through Bishop's Annual Appeal, we are able to help women, like Leslye, who have nowhere else to go when faced with a crisis pregnancy. With your help, Leslye and her son had a safe place to stay while going through a difficult time. She was able to transition out of St. Patrick's House into a 2-bedroom townhouse and saved up enough money to purchase her first car. Thank you for your generosity!



Your contribution will help Sanctuary for Life renovate their family facilities.

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