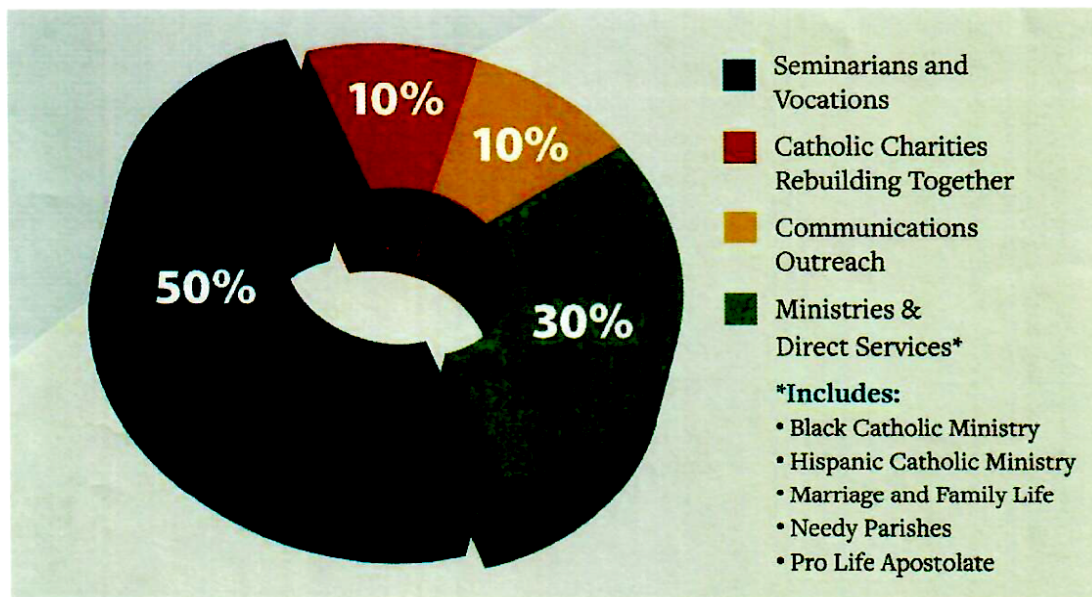




WHY THE BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

From family life to Catholic formation to crisis response and support for vocations, the **BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL (BSA)** offers spiritual hope and practical assistance to those in our communities in need of God's provision and care. Generous parishioners make it possible. The BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL has been *Supporting the Works of Christ* by serving others and ministering to those in need since 1973. The BSA is accomplished as a result of the combined participation of 122 church parishes and 28 missions located across 8 civil parishes.

The BSA is a backbone source of funding for sustaining and expanding direct service ministries that provide for:



The Diocese of Lafayette encompasses a unique region that is defined civically, socially and spiritually by its Catholic heritage. The impacts of our Catholic faith on the regional culture are profound—as seen in strong family ties, connection to our neighbors and care for the stranger in need. These connections were tested in 2020 by social distancing and church closures. Now more than ever, the BSA is a reminder that as faithful Catholics, we are called to be part of a Church, a communion of believers, which is greater than ourselves, and not limited to our local church parishes. We can and must reach out creatively to Bring Hope and Healing throughout the Diocese.