



March 27, 2026

The Right Reverend James Brown
c/o The Right Reverend Shannon Duckworth

Dear Bishop Brown,

Grace and peace to you in Christ.

I rejoice with the Diocese of Louisiana and the wider Church in giving thanks for your 50 years of ministry as a bishop. This anniversary reflects a lifetime of faithful service shaped by prayer, courage, and deep love for God's people.

Your ministry as the ninth Bishop of Louisiana left a lasting legacy. Your leadership in establishing the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana and your pivotal role in creating the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center continue to strengthen the Church's mission and community life. These gifts endure as signs of your vision and generosity.

Your ongoing presence in the diocese—your faithful participation at St. Andrew's, your regular attendance at diocesan events, and your involvement in worship at the Cathedral—speaks to a lifelong devotion to the Church's common life. Many continue to be encouraged by your steady support and pastoral wisdom. Your advocacy for women's leadership has also shaped this Church in essential ways, showing us what it means to grow with the movement of the Spirit.

As you celebrate this remarkable milestone, please know that The Episcopal Church gives thanks for your ministry with deep gratitude.

May God continue to bless and sustain you, Mary Jo, and your family in the years ahead.

Faithfully,

Sean Rowe (The Most Rev.)
Presiding Bishop