**2023 Diocesan Services Appeal**

**“I Give to the DSA . . .”**

**For use by Lay Presenters or by any parish staff or DSA volunteer speaking about the Diocesan Services Appeal. Select one or more inspiring causes from this group or other ministries supported by the DSA to share your personal motivation for generous support for DSA.**

**I give to the DSA:**

… so that our seminarians will continue to receive financial support for their priestly formation and education.

… so young Catholics will be supported in their vocational discernment, supported by mentors and accompanied by others who are considering a call to a religious or consecrated vocation.

… so the Office of Marriage and Family life can continue to produce programs and services for use in parishes throughout the diocese – to support the vocation of marriage and our parish families.

… so the New Evangelization efforts can bring new missionary disciples into the work of the church for the salvation of souls.

…so parish-based initiatives like Grow & Go, Evangelical Catholic, and Alpha can take root and energize evangelization efforts in our communities.

… so the corporal and spiritual works of mercy available through Catholic Charities will continue to create hope and provide help for all who are in need throughout the diocese.

…so the homeless in our parish and our diocese will be able to receive food and shelter as well as counseling services.

… so refugees can receive resettlement and support services.

…so our St. Francis Retreat Center can continue to offer refuge, solace, and a beautiful space for the Spirit to work miracles through the encounters that occur on its grounds.

… so our Women’s and Men’s conferences can continue to energize and inspire us.

… so Faith-Based counseling can be offered at our Catholic Charities agencies to incorporate the love of Jesus Christ and the tenants of the Catholic faith to offer hope to all who are hurting and struggling.

… so of Life ministries can continue to support women in need and fight for life from conception to natural death

… so our Catechists may be well formed, to share the faith in love and truth with our youth and all who seek a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

… so new Catholic Schools teachers can be equipped to be missionary evangelists and build strong disciples.

…so lay ecclesial ministry programs like Called & Gifted and Spiritual Director Formation may grow scope and impact.

…so members of our parish and our diocese who are struggling to afford basic personal necessities like shampoo and toothpaste, and household items like towels and blankets, can find help to make ends meet.

 …so persons of Hispanic heritage and Spanish-language will be supported in the Catholic faith with needed resources.

…so Pregnancy Counseling and other supportive services can be provided to expectant mothers.

…so our Hospital ministry can continue to serve those without or isolated from family in times of crisis.

…so quality adoption and foster care services are available to serve children and families.

…so parishes are supported with professional human resources, legal, property management, and financial services.

…so our Church can offer current and effective Communications to reach out broadly with the love of Christ and the wisdom of our Holy Catholic Church.

 These are just a few of the *many* reasons why the DSA is a priority on my family’s charitable giving list. We’ve been blessed with the ability to contribute, we try to be good stewards of God’s gifts, and it feels good to do our part to fuel the work of our Catholic Church.

With our generous gifts to DSA, we help our diocese reach out to those who are in need of our compassion, our love and our mercy through the work of the Catholic Church. Please join me and my family in sharing the love of Christ with others.

Thank you.