Thank you

Your DSA contribution helps strengthen the joint ministry of 77 parishes in the Diocese of Lansing and enables us to serve the people across our 10 county region and beyond.

## Diocese of Lansing facts:\*

- More than 198,000 Catholics
- 2,122 Infant Baptisms
- 2,503 First Communions
- 2,634 Confirmations
- 672 Marriages
- 2,109 Funerals
- 26 Seminarians in Formation
- 14,277 Youth in Religious Education
- 8,888 Students in Catholic Schools
- 486 adults and children were welcomed into the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)
- More than 175,018 families touched by Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Lansing

\*As reported in the Kenedy Catholic Directory for 2016.

"In our day, Jesus' command to "go and make disciples" echoes in the changing scenarios and ever new challenges to the Church's mission of evangelization, and all of us are called to take part in this new missionary "going forth." Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the "peripheries" in need of the light of the Gospel."

> - Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel

"Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." So ends Mass. This proclamation reminds us that the Mass does not end there. Strengthened by the Body of Christ, sanctified by the Blood of Christ, and enlightened by the Word of God, we are called to take that Word and change our world."

"We are being challenged my brothers and sisters. Every year in our diocese we see fewer and fewer of our community members joining us in Sunday worship as we listen to the Word of God and are fed at his table. Many today do not know Jesus. Let us evangelize our world! There are sisters and brothers, family members and friends who have left the Church. Let us re-engage them in the life of the Body of Christ! We cannot do this unless we ourselves are converted more fully to the Lord Jesus. Let us be his disciples!"

-Bishop Boyea, Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord 2012 Pastoral Letter

Your DSA gift makes our Diocesan Assembly possible.



Saturday, September 22, 2018 Breslin Student Event Center www.madeforhappiness.org



## Go and Announce THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD



EACH YEAR, THE DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL (DSA) UNITES ALL 77 PARISHES OF OUR DIOCESE, DRAWING US TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE FAR MORE THAN ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ANY SINGLE PARISH COULD ACCOMPLISH ALONE. MAY YOU BE BLESSED FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR ONE ANOTHER.

Our 2018 DSA theme, *"Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord*," reminds us that each of us is called to discipleship, to actively grow in faith and to go and share the good news with the world.

For several years now, we in the Diocese of Lansing have been advancing our shared journey to grow in our own conversion, to accompany non-practicing Catholics back to the practice of the faith, and to reach out to those who have yet to experience the graces of our Catholic faith. Supporting the DSA is one way to participate personally in this new evangelization.

Our contributions to DSA enable our diocese to evangelize through dozens of ministries. The programs and services funded by the DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to our parishes and schools. Vitally important is the impact these efforts have in our parishes, where so much of the Church's evangelizing work occurs in the activities of everyday life.

May God bless our efforts to bring Christ's love to all we encounter.



Diocesan Services Appeal 2018 GOAL: \$5,000,000

Lord, give us the grace to be generous in our support of the Diocesan Services Appeal, so that we may faithfully participate as missionary disciples in the work of Your Holy Church.

## CONVENIENT WAYS TO GIVE

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